

Unilateralist stance to be reconsidered in new drive for support

Labour starts major rethink over policies

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

The Labour Party is about to launch a wide-ranging study to discover the reasons for its fading appeal to voters and members.

In a radical response to its third successive election defeat, the party is to embark on a full-scale investigation into why it has failed to attract sufficient support among groups such as women and young people, been virtually wiped out in the south of England apart from London, and suffered badly in traditional heartlands such as the Midlands.

A series of new policy review groups, headed by senior members of the shadow cabinet or national executive, are expected to be set up to

examine how the party's policies can be adapted to meet the changing expectations of the electorate in the 1990s.

Attempts are also under way - they will begin at the TUC in Blackpool tomorrow - to change Labour's unilateralist defence policy, which leadership sources confirmed yesterday is part of the rethink.

Mr Neil Kinnock is backing the investigation plan which will be put before his party's home policy committee on Monday.

It has been put forward, after consultation with the Labour leader, by Mr Tom Sawyer, chairman of the committee and deputy general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees.

The broad themes recommended for separate study in Mr Sawyer's paper include ways of improving Labour's appeal to the skilled working class, the party's approach to enterprise and wealth creation, Labour's policies for the workplace, taxation and social security.

The move comes amid growing signs of support in the trade union and labour movement for policy revisions.

At the TUC tomorrow, and the Labour conference in Brighton later this month, there will be moves to commit the party to a referendum on nuclear disarmament.

They are certain to fail this year but the main proponents, Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the National Union of Public Employees, believe that the tide of opinion in the party will move in their favour in the next election approaches.

The AEU move will be opposed tomorrow by the Transport and General Workers' Union and the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union. But the referendum backers were encouraged by the vote of about one-third of delegates at the TGWU conference for a referendum.

Mr Hammond said yesterday that he regarded the party's unilateralist defence policy as the single biggest obstacle to a Labour victory.

Mr Jordan said yesterday that defence had cost Labour dear at the election and he warned that Mr Kinnock would face a rough ride from some big unions if he attempted to take the party into another election with unpopular policies.

Labour had lost the election because it had presented itself as the party of the underprivileged when the majority of voters did not see themselves in this light.

He said that Labour was saddled with the image of peace at any price and that was a non-starter with the electorate.

"People don't want peace at any price because they know freedom is just as important."

Mr Kinnock last night paid a low-key visit to Blackpool, attending the General Council dinner but making no public speeches.

The Labour Party failed to win thousands of votes at the last general election because it had no confidence in its own policy of a statutory minimum wage, according to two of its senior MPs. One, Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow employment secretary, said the Party ducked out of the issue as if it was ashamed of the idea.



Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, behind Mr Fred Jarvis, president, at the conference in Blackpool yesterday.

King sets up new Ulster initiative

By John Cooney

Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday pledged himself to a major new effort to tackle the community relations problem in the province.

He announced the setting up of a unit to report directly to him on relations between the Nationalist and Unionist communities.

This Community Relations Unit, to be run by senior officials and guided by a steering committee under Mr Brian Mahoney, Under Secretary of State, will ensure that community relations issues are given the fullest possible consideration in Northern Ireland.

Mr King told 100 representatives from community organisations at a reception last night in Hillsborough, County Down, that major policy decisions by the Government would only be taken after careful evaluation of their possible effect on community relations.

Earlier, Mr King visited Belfast to see what he described as the rebirth of the inner city. Security vetting of MPs' research assistants is expected to be used by Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, following the outcry over the appointment of an Irish Republican sympathiser at Westminster (Sheila Gunn writes).

Mr Wakeham has ordered a report from the Sergeant at Arms' department on admission passes for research assistants and on the issue of a pass to Mr Ronan Bennett, who is working for Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North.

Germans pledge to work for better East-West relations

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The two Germanies, after two days of historic talks in Bonn, yesterday signed a series of co-operation agreements and concurred that the relationship between their states was "a stabilising factor for constructive East-West relations."

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany has agreed to pay a return trip to Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, although how such a visit might affect the status of Berlin has yet to be resolved.

After a "frank exchange" on human rights, Herr Kohl and Herr Honecker jointly urged the superpowers to "seize the opportunity" for a medium-range missiles deal, and called for verifiable agreements on conventional forces, strategic missiles, and chemical and space weapons.

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Bank sacks two directors

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, has dismissed two corporate finance directors for "conducting unauthorized discussions with a third party about the future of their department."

The move comes as a further blow to the bank after merger talks with Union Bank of Switzerland failed last month.

The dismissals emphasize the discussions within Hill Samuel and the loss of morale since the UBS negotiations collapsed. Hill Samuel has lost

three senior directors in the past two months, including its chief executive, Mr Christopher Castleman, who resigned in July in protest at the merger talks with UBS.

Mr Dolf Moomham, the finance director, said that in negotiating with other institutions, Mr Trevor Swete, head of corporate finance, and Mr Christopher Roshier, the deputy head, had breached their duty to the bank. They were not being offered any compensation, he added.

Mr Swete argued that he had been acting in the bank's best interests by negotiating with other institutions. "After the UBS talks collapsed there was a danger of disillusioned people leaving the Hill Samuel corporate finance department. We felt it was better for everyone if the department were kept together and sold to an institution which could support our ambitions."

Hill Samuel shares dropped 20p on the news to 662p.

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Unions condemn 'scabs charter'

By Tim Jones

Condemning it as a "scabs charter", delegates to the TUC conference in Blackpool yesterday decided to mount a vigorous campaign against proposed new legislation which the Government says is part of its desire to return the unions to its members.

But speakers alleged the ideas set out in the Green Paper were part of a strategy by the Government to enslave them. They were particularly incensed by the proposed legal protection for trade union members if they refuse to join a strike even if a majority has voted in favour.

Mr John Macreadie, newly elected as the only supporter of Militant Tendency on the policy-making TUC General Council claimed the proposals were part of a plan "to introduce a totalitarian state in Britain. This can only be described as a scabs charter and we must oppose it."

Mr Simon Petch, general secretary of the Society of Telecom Executives said the Government was ignoring the historic democracy of trade unions in telling them how they should run their affairs.

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£200m nuclear plant sought

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

British Nuclear Fuels has requested planning permission to build a new type of waste treatment plant, costing £200 million, at its nuclear reprocessing site at Sellafield, Cumbria.

The process will remove the most troublesome radioactive substances that remain in effluent discharged into the Irish Sea.

The project is still at the drawing-board stage. Plans for the new installation, called an enhanced actinide removal

plant, EARP, are for completion in 1992. Waste discharges from Sellafield have been cut significantly by additional treatment in the past 12 months from six to 4.4 terabecquerels of radioactive substances, emitting alpha radiation, and from 587 to 118 terabecquerels of beta emitters.

Radioactivity discharged into the Irish Sea is now one-fortieth of that during the peak year of 1975.

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Britain back among the best for cars say Ford

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Fifteen years after Mr Henry Ford II said he would not invest a dollar more in British car plants because productivity and the strike record here were so bad, the UK has become one of the best places to manufacture vehicles in Europe, according to a Ford executive.

Mr Kenneth Whipple, chairman of Ford of Europe, said at the Frankfurt motor show in West Germany yesterday: "We are now getting maximum production from our Halewood and Dagenham assembly plants for the first time in their history."

This year the two plants will build 400,000 cars, more than 75 per cent of

the cars Ford will sell in Britain in 1987.

Mr Whipple said that Britain was Ford's biggest European market and now a significant manufacturing base. "It would like to start more manufacturing in Britain", he said.

Speaking the day after Ford bought a controlling interest in Aston Martin Lagonda, he said that the excellent productivity of the British plants, combined with low labour costs and the weakness of sterling against the German mark, meant it was now cheaper to build cars in Britain than import them from the Continent. "That is a real breakthrough."

But Halewood and Dagenham would need two to three years to raise the quality of their products by

15 percent to match the continental standards. It could take longer than that before cars in Britain were built as quickly as in Germany and Belgium but the pressure to achieve this was not so great because of the lower UK wage costs.

Mr Whipple said that the effect of the German mark and the high costs in Germany was that Ford would switch the purchase of German components to other countries with Britain, Spain and Portugal being best placed to win the extra business. Some German suppliers were already being encouraged by Ford to re-locate in Britain.

General Motors, one of Ford's biggest rivals, had switched purchase of components worth £200 million to Britain after the strong appreciation of

the German mark.

The Southampton plant where Ford build the Transit Van has already gained from the improving reputation of British car workers and, for the first time, it will export vans to France this year.

In July 200 new workers were recruited at the Southampton plant to help raise production, which, this year, will reach 62,000 vans.

Dagenham is expected to restart vehicle exports next year when the new Fiesta model is launched. Some versions will be built only in Britain and then supplied to the rest of Europe, a move previously resisted by continental dealers unhappy about the quality of British goods.

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Telecom tightens meter checks

By Tony Dawe

A merchant bank in the City of London has received a cheque for £62,805 from British Telecom after it was overcharged by 1,560 million units on one of its telex lines.

The case is one of scores of examples of overcharging provided yesterday by National Utility Services, which specializes in telephone bill "trouble-shooting".

The information was supplied as Telecom insisted that a report that the company overcharges its customers by millions of pounds a year, published in *The Times* yesterday, was exaggerated.

However, the company admitted that it was tightening checks on timing meters in its exchanges, which were among the major causes of overcharging. Sir George Jefferson, the chairman, is expected to reassure shareholders at the annual meeting at Birmingham today that modernization of the telephone network will eradicate the faults which can lead to mistakes in billing.

National Utility Services (NUS) said that it had uncovered hundreds of examples of overcharging and earned millions of pounds in repayments for its clients. The company, based at Croydon, Surrey, receives half the savings it achieves plus a small consultancy fee.

It had been advising the merchant bank for some months before the Telecom bungle occurred. "One of our analysts had developed a good view of how the bank administered and used its telephone

system and he quickly spotted that changes for one of its 16 telex lines was out of 'sync' with previous changes". Mr Norman Chapman, a senior sales executive, said.

"On this occasion, Telecom admitted the mistake promptly and blamed it on 'human input error'. That means a clerk punched the wrong number into the billing computer."

Telecom engineers have said that in many telephone exchanges the company relies on a photograph of a bank of individual meters which it passes to an accounts clerk. In another case uncovered by NUS, a clerk mistook the number 46 for 64 and overcharged a customer by 100,000 units, leading to a repayment of £3,240.

NUS, which also advises companies on telecommunications equipment, said it often found that companies were being charged for equipment which did not exist. A leading manufacturing company in Wiltshire recently received a £50,000 repayment for this reason.

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'Heysel 26' to be flown out today

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter
and Philip Jacobson, Brussels

The 26 Liverpool football supporters facing trial in Belgium for their part in the Heysel stadium riot are expected to be flown from Britain by armed Belgian police in a military aircraft today, according to the Belgian Embassy in London.

Yesterday, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said he did not consider the violent prison riots in Belgium, triggered by anger at the remand conditions prepared for the Britons in Louvain jail, were grounds for halting the extradition process. Mr Hurd said he had full confidence in the Belgian authorities.

He added that Mr Jean Gol, the Belgian Minister of Justice, told a British television programme yesterday that the extradition would not present problems, blaming press reports for misrepresenting the remand cells as exceptional.

Mr Gol rejected any suggestion the 26 would not get a fair trial. He said: "We are a free, democratic country with independent justice and I think public opinion in the UK should be concerned that some criminal acts have been committed at the Heysel and that 39 people lost their lives."

He emphasized the rioting prisoners in Belgium had no aggression against the Britons.

As Mr Hurd and Mr Gol spoke, a senior officer from the Belgian Police Judiciary and an official from the Ministry of Justice discussed arrangements for the transfer with Scotland Yard and the Home Office. The two arrived in Britain yesterday.

It is understood the Britons will be taken from Wormwood Scrubs prison in West London by prison transport to

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BAe profit fall

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Exam passes

Degrees awarded by London University are published on day. Page 41

Goal threat

West Germany say they fear the scoring threat posed by England's Lineker and Beardsley in tonight's football international. Page 46

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NEWS SUMMARY

Septuplets buried in single coffin

Seven brass nameplates on a simple coffin spelled out the tragedy and torment of Neil and Susan Hatton, the parents of Britain's first septuplets, who were buried yesterday.

The couple laid to rest in a quiet family funeral the bodies of the four girls and three boys who were born 24 days ago.

Mr Hatton, aged 29, a social worker, and his wife, aged 27, who wept throughout, held on to each other for comfort during the funeral at Holy Trinity Church, St Helens, Merseyside, where one hundred people joined family mourners.

Throughout their ordeal the couple had kept one sad secret — the name of the boy who died within thirty minutes of the caesarian birth. The nameplates on the coffin revealed that his name was Ben.

National Trust aid Bridge's birthday

The Royal Oak Foundation based in New York has started a campaign to raise \$2.3 million to help the National Trust secure Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire.

The foundation has backed an exhibition in New York called "Robert Adam and Kedleston — the Making of a Neo-Classical Masterpiece" to launch the campaign.

Lord and Lady Scarsdale have visited the US to back the appeal. Kedleston has been home to successive Scarsdale generations for 350 years.

Motorists crossing the Severn Bridge near Bristol were offered birthday cake yesterday to celebrate the span's coming-of-age.

AA officials baked a large cake and invited a Cardiff motorist, Mr Derek Hopgood, aged 43, to the ceremony after learning he was the first to make the crossing.

"I was the first across because I was on a moped and jumped the queue", Mr Hopgood said yesterday.

The bridge was opened by the Queen on September 8, 1966.

Friendly Friday call

The newly formed Polite Society yesterday called for Friday, October 2, to be a day of national courtesy when people do something kind, exercise self-control and slow down.

The Rev Ian Gregory, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, founder of the society, said: "Especially in the big cities people tend to be exploited, conned, robbed or mocked. Fridays are notable for accidents, bad temper, exhaustion and rush. If everyone spent the day in a spirit of courtesy we would save millions of pounds clearing up after accidents, vandalism, crime and domestic strife."

The Polite Society says it already has hundreds of members, including many abroad.

Troubled TV chiefs mistaken

British Rail has been having more trouble with its new lightweight Pacer trains operating in the North of England.

On some stretches of track, they have been failing to activate track circuits, which are part of the signalling system. Several stretches of line have had to be modified.

Last week it was announced that Pacers were to be withdrawn from Devon and Cornwall because they could not cope with the sharp curves and severe gradients on some of the branch lines.

ITV chiefs agreed yesterday they had made a "serious mistake" in allowing violent scenes in the Joan Collins television saga *Sins* to be transmitted before 9 pm.

The admission came after managing directors of the 15 independent TV stations met Mr John Whitney, director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, in the wake of the public outcry over the showing of torture, murder and rape scenes on Sunday evening during family viewing time.

Racism is challenged

Up to 6.5 million young people are the targets of an anti-racism teaching pack launched yesterday by the British Youth Council.

Ms Rachel Burnham of the youth council, which has 6.5 m affiliated members in organizations such as youth clubs and the Scouts and Guides, said: "Too many young people are racist."

The BYC "political education" pack was, she said, an attempt to provide young people with impartial information on racism and the law, the history of racism, case studies and role-play exercises. The pack is supported by the Commission for Racial Equality.

£100m plan for derelict city heartland

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

A left wing council wants to forge a £100 million partnership with the Government to breathe new life into a derelict city heartland.

If, as seems possible, ministers approve the approach, it will signal a marked change in the acrimonious political atmosphere surrounding the inner cities initiative being led by the Prime Minister.

To date, the Government has bypassed left wing authorities by concentrating funds and sweeping planning powers in the hands of urban development corporations.

However this policy is being re-examined in the wake of the Conservative election victory, which appears to have engendered a new willingness among Labour council leaders

to work with the private sector.

Sheffield City Council's ambitious collaboration with private developers to revive 2,000 acres of derelict steelworks in the Lower Don Valley, in the heart of the city, is seen as the touchstone of the new approach.

The plans include a Stoop of the kind being constructed in London's Docklands and an athletics stadium to host the 1991 World Student Games.

The Sheffield initiative comes at a time when a new report shows that private investors are eager to invest money in bulldozing some of the worst inner city areas to make way for redevelopment.

A consultants' report commissioned by the Department of Environment, to be published later this month,

discloses that on average investors spent £10 to every £1 of government grant used to turn derelict land into greenfield sites for new businesses.

On sites cleared to make way for new homes, investors are willing to match every £1 of government money with £6.

The report, *An Evaluation of Derelict Land Grant Schemes*, will gratify ministers who believe the success of the Government's inner cities strategy depends on private money.

Mr David Trippier, the Environment Minister in charge of urban regeneration, said yesterday: "This report highlights many of the successes of the Government's derelict land grant programme, including the removal of eyesores and the creation of opportunities for the revival of our inner cities."

A scheme to divert millions of pounds of pension funds into inner city renewal projects is being drawn up by the Labour Party.

Under the plan, 2 per cent of funds from firms and organizations operating in a defined geographical area would be ploughed back into the local economy. The money would be siphoned off into an investment bank and made available as cut-rate loans to local entrepreneurs wanting to set up new businesses or expand existing ones.

Total pension fund holdings in the United Kingdom are valued at about £165 billion and are growing at the rate of £9 billion a year. A 2 per cent slice of annual contributions would realize £180 million a year.

First details of the scheme were announced at a fringe

meeting on the inner cities at the TUC conference in Blackpool addressed by Mr Richard Caborn, a Labour frontbench trade and industry spokesman.

He said it was "ridiculous" that most of the pension contributions paid by millions of people were being invested abroad.

"Is it not stupid we are actually investing within West Germany and other areas within the Golden Triangle of Western Europe?" he asked. "We are setting up the type of machinery to do our own people and our own children out of jobs in the future."

The new bank would be targeted on helping small businessmen seeking loans of between £10,000 and £30,000, who faced particular difficulties in raising venture capital from the established institutions, Mr Caborn said.

NUM in final talks on code

By Roland Ruid

A final attempt to avert a national overtime ban will be made next Monday when British Coal meet the National Union of Mineworkers for talks over the disciplinary code.

In a crowded press conference at the TUC congress in Blackpool, Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, said British Coal had agreed to abide by a system of binding arbitration — in the case of two Yorkshire miners at the conciliation service Acas — despite its refusal to revert to the system of pit umpires.

If Monday's meeting ends in deadlock the industrial action called for 21 September will go ahead.

Mr Scargill also accused the chairman of British Coal, Sir Robert Haslam, of "wanting to destroy the coal industry".

Mr Kevan Hunt, British Coal's head of industrial relations, described Mr Scargill's accusations as astonishing.

Under the new code of conduct disciplined miners have the right of appeal under industrial tribunals. But the decision of the tribunal is neither final nor binding.

The NUM is demanding a return to "pit umpires" because it favours binding arbitration. Although British Coal has conceded some of Mr Scargill's demands it has made it clear that it will not alter the present appeal system because to do so would be to go against the wishes of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

Mr Scargill said the two men, Mr David Petty and Mr Kevin Howell, from Hickleton colliery, South Yorkshire, had been dismissed for taking coal, then reinstated and transferred. They took their case for transfer compensation to arbitration, and British Coal agreed to accept the Acas decision.

But Mr Hunt said that it was standard procedure for such disputes to go Acas and the issue has "nothing to do with the disciplinary code".

The UDM claimed yesterday intimidation of its members is continuing.

In the latest attack a miner at Bolsover colliery in Derbyshire had £400 damage caused to his Rover car. The word "scab" was scratched deeply on the hood.

The Times Property Guide

Chelsea, not long ago a boggy hinterland of London, is now one of the most sought after areas in the capital, with property prices rising steadily. On Saturday, *The Times Property Guide* explains why and what it has to offer.

The guide, a 20-page full colour supplement, deals with all property from all angles, and looks closely at one of the most interesting country houses on the market at present, a house that has played host to artistic and literary household names in the last 50 years.

Elsewhere it discusses property trends at home and overseas, asks whether computers can take over from estate agents and gives the latest information on house prices through specially commissioned figures from the Halifax Building Society.

For anyone tired of living in a house or flat, and wanting something more unusual, there is news of a boat for sale, fitted out both for living and sailing, or a water tower, offering a view into the next century.

The guide comes free with *The Times* on Saturday. As demand is sure to be high, copies may be hard to get; readers are advised to order their copies now without delay.

BAe attacks its partners' moves to cut Airbus price

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Aerospace has warned its partners in the European plane-making consortium Airbus Industrie, that it will veto any proposed deal to sell long range A340 jets to British Airways at a reduced price.

BAe's civil aircraft division lost £49 million in the first half of this year, half of it from losses on existing Airbus sales.

Airbus salesmen last month successfully delayed a final decision by British Airways on buying a new fleet of long range aircraft with a last minute offer so attractive that the airline shelved plans to sign a contract with McDonnell Douglas.

Now BAe chiefs fear that the Airbus sales team is so anxious to clinch the sale that it is ready to make an offer which would give the company virtually no profit.

Sir Raymond Lygo, BAe's chief executive, said yesterday: "If we did not think the offer they were making was justified we would use our veto."

BAe has a 20 per cent stake in the Airbus consortium but is not involved in selling the final product. It has consistently refused to try to sell Airbus aircraft to potential British customers despite mounting pressure from others in the consortium to do so.

The problem came to a head last month when Airbus was locked in a bitter sales war with McDonnell Douglas over a contract with British Airways worth around £500 million.

The Europeans were convinced that if British Airways could be persuaded to buy the A340 instead of the rival MD 11 it could pave the way for many more orders and give the new aircraft a stamp of



Sir Immanuel Jakobovits (left), Chief Rabbi, with The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, at Lambeth Palace yesterday after receiving the Lambeth degree of Doctor of Divinity to mark 20 years as Jewish community leader (Photograph: Denzil McNeelane).

School reforms stifling say secondary heads

Proposed education reforms were roundly condemned yesterday by the Secondary Heads Association, which represents about half the head teachers in secondary schools in England and Wales.

Mr John Sutton, the association's newly elected president of the SHA, said it believed that a national schools curriculum would stifle the qualities of initiative, flexibility and leadership which produced better schools.

He said the proposal to create a new category of schools free of local authority control contained serious dangers.

Good schools would not be improved, others would certainly be weakened and all would be vulnerable to short-term pressure groups.

The Government's plan to allow schools to recruit up to their physical limit would have the most undesirable results, Mr Sutton said: "We particularly fear the effects of choice being made on racial grounds."

The SHA criticism comes after similar opinions two weeks ago by the National Association of Head Teachers, which represents nearly all the remaining heads in primary and secondary schools.

Holocaust series for Channel 4

By Lynda Mordin

Channel 4's £35 million autumn schedule, launched yesterday, ranges from the horrors of the Holocaust to John Cleese claiming there is a Basil Fawlty in everyone.

Two consecutive evenings will be devoted to Claude Lanzmann's nine-hour documentary, *Shoah*, Hebrew for "Holocaust".

Lanzmann spent more than a decade working on the project, described by the filmmaker Marcel Ophüls as "the greatest documentary about contemporary history ever made — bar none".

Another documentary series, *The Divided Union*, examines the American Civil War; Bernard Levin leads viewers to *The End of The Rhine* and a film series traces the history of *The Horse in Sport*.

Drama films include a powerful feature about Nelson and Winnie Mandela starring Danny Glover and Alfre Woodard, a love story set against ruthless politics.

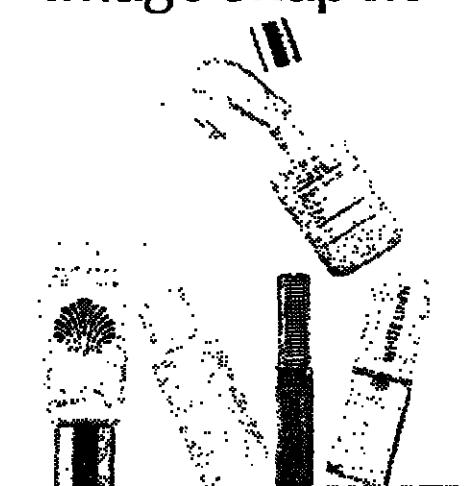
Arts programmes include a season of Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's opera films, featuring Luciano Pavarotti in *Rigoletto*.

John Cleese appears in a four-part educational series, *Assert Yourself*.

The Broadcasting Research Unit is preparing a public reaction report for the Home Office on the deregulation of Britain's radio network. The report will be completed in January.

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Nuclear terrorism nearer, Nato told

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The "ultimate horror" of nuclear terrorism is now well within the bounds of possibility, says a report to the North Atlantic Assembly, Nato's parliament.

The draft report on terrorism, prepared for the Assembly's political committee, gives a warning warns that the growing diffusion of knowledge about nuclear technology, possibilities for illegal transfer of nuclear material, lax security procedures and the increasing sophistication of terrorist methods cannot rule out the possibility of serious nuclear terrorism in our lifetime.

It claims that at several nuclear warhead storage sites "it would not be impossible for a terrorist team to penetrate a site and steal a nuclear weapon (by using, for exam-

ple, helicopters and armour-piercing shells to penetrate the doors of a storage igloo)".

Although the theft would not automatically lead to detonation, "the act itself could generate a powerful anti-nuclear impulse throughout Western Europe. Conceivably it could force governments to request the United States to withdraw nuclear warheads from Nato European countries."

The report, compiled by Mr Lawrence J. Smith, an American Democrat congressman, and Mr Jose Luis do Amaral Nunes, a Portuguese MP, is to be debated by the Assembly in Oslo this month. It says that nuclear terrorism has hitherto been confined to adventure novels but is "now becoming a matter of growing concern as

reports circulate of 'unthinkable' true stories".

According to the US House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, for example, a mock attack on Department of Energy facilities had resulted in the successful "theft" of plutonium.

In April this year, a technician at an American Department of Energy nuclear site was charged with selling classified documents to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A recently declassified report from the American Defense Department said that European emergency measures to recover stolen nuclear material or devices "still lag behind" those of the US.

The report says that although the likelihood of

nuclear terrorism depends critically on enforcement of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Nato also has a role to play.

It rightly keeps secret its continuing efforts to improve nuclear security but the efforts of Nato's Senior Level Weapons Protection Group to "come to grips with this potentially catastrophic problem" were to be welcomed.

The report also notes that American-Soviet nuclear risk reduction centres, proposed in a draft accord between the two superpowers last May, could in future involve cooperation to counter nuclear terrorism.

Mr Bruce George, the British Labour MP who chairs the political committee, said: "There can be no compromise on nuclear safety."

Hatton gets rates demand

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The district auditor for Liverpool presented Mr Derek Hatton, the former deputy council leader, and 46 other Labour councillors who took part in an unsuccessful rates revolt, with a demand yesterday for payments of £4,000 per month payable between them for the next six years.

However the auditor is unlikely to get all the money since about a third the former councillors rely on social security and the assets of the rest consist mainly of their private homes.

Mr Hatton and his fellow former councillors could be declared bankrupt by the civil courts if they are unable to meet the auditor's demand.

The House of Lords rejected a final appeal last March by the Labour councillors, who delayed setting a rate in 1985 and were accused by the

district auditor of wilfully losing public money. All were barred from office in April.

The auditor informed them yesterday that they owed £106,000 in refunds to the City of Liverpool and a further £242,000 to repay the costs of their legal action.

He said he would accept the money in monthly instalments, the first at £15,000 and the rest at £4,000 per month spread over six years. This works out at £20 a week for each former councillor.

If Mr Hatton and his fellow former councillors fail to find the money, the district auditor is likely to secure judgement against them and commence bankruptcy proceedings.

The former councillors, who are to meet next Monday, have three weeks until the first payment is due. Mr Keva Coombes, their solicitor, who

was the unsuccessful Labour candidate for Hyndburn at the general election, said: "It won't make any difference to those without money and who can't pay."

"Men like ex-councillor Edward Burke, who runs a sub post office, faces losing everything he has built up in his working life."

"The district auditor has told us that he is not prepared to let us sit on this any longer. We offered to pay at a rate of one or two thousand a month but he was not prepared to accept that."

"We are now on a very short timetable, a matter of weeks at the most before bankruptcy notices are served on those who have got any money." Mr Tony Byrne, the former council leader, said that at least 15 of the former councillors were unemployed.

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Confrontation and negotiation in the classroom



A parent helping to teach a child yesterday at Overthorpe Junior School, where 26 pupils have been barred



Mr Philip Toogood with pupils and staff at Ticknall School yesterday (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Sit-ins continue in parents' dispute 'Flexischool' opens its doors

By Ian Smith

Parents marched their children into the Dewsbury school, West Yorkshire, where they are unwanted pupils, and staged a sit-in yesterday in spite of a refusal by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to intercede in their dispute with the local education authority.

The parents, who are angered by what they considered to be a betrayal by Mr Baker of acknowledged government policy to increase parental choice in education, vowed that the sit-ins would continue.

Mr Eric Haley, a spokesman for the parents, said letters of support had been received from throughout Britain. He discounted reports that parents had abandoned their protest at the Overthorpe Junior School.

As 21 of the 26 children involved in the dispute were led into an empty classroom, the parents were joined by Mr Fred Naylor, secretary of the Parental Association for Choice in Education, which has pledged its support should the parents wish to take the dispute to the European Court of Human Rights.

However, while parents' representatives insisted there was enough unanimity to continue the dispute, cracks began to emerge.

Mr Ian McMillan, principal education officer for Kirklees, who yesterday met Mrs Ann Taylor, Labour MP for Dewsbury, said the parents would meet education officials to discuss other schools.

Mr McMillan said the education authority was adamant that none of the 26 children would be admitted to Overthorpe but it hoped that the dispute would be resolved quickly by parents accepting offers of other suitable places.

He said: "We are very anxious to meet parents individually and resolve the situation and are more than willing to take any reasonable steps to ensure that end."

Mr McMillan admitted that there was enough room at Overthorpe to take the 26 barred pupils. But their admission would be against the authority's policy of accommodating newcomers to the district at the nearest available school.

Kirklees Education Authority said yesterday that some of the parents had already talked with officials about sending their children to other schools.

Fifteen pupils began work yesterday at Britain's first "Flexischool", where attendance is subjected to negotiation with staff and parents are expected to plan education for their children at home.

The school at Ticknall, south of Derby, is a former primary school which closed because of dwindling numbers. It is owned by a 200-year-old educational trust and charges no fees.

Derbyshire County Council has refused to help fund the school because education officials believe that its mixed-age classes and small size cannot provide adequate education for children aged from four to 14.

However, Mr Philip Toogood, the headmaster, sees the school as a golden opportunity to put into practice his theories about the superiority of small schools and the untapped potential of open-learning techniques.

Mr Toogood, co-ordinator of the Human Scale Education Movement, said: "The pupils will not be taught to be taught but will learn how to learn."

"The conventional curriculum has too many restrictions. It is not true that you can only be taught geography by a specialist geography teacher."

What is really needed is a teacher skilled in teaching children how to learn.

Nearly half the pupils are opting for a "Flexischool" timetable, which allows them to work at home under the supervision of their parents for part of the week. The oldest will spend one day a week at creating his own magazine on a word processor.

Mr Toogood said: "By using open-learning techniques the children can learn any subject. For example, we do not have a Spanish teacher but there is no reason why the children should not learn it from a BBC course."

Delays led to fatal journey on car ferry

A missing export document delayed a lorry driver's return to Britain by a day and when he finally reached the Belgian port of Zeebrugge, the four o'clock ferry was full.

So Mr John Millgate had to wait three hours for a sailing on the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Yesterday, at Dover Town Hall, an inquest was told that Mr Millgate, aged 25, received serious head injuries and drowned when the ferry capsized on March 6.

In a written statement, Mrs Karen Millgate, his widow, said: "He should have been home on Thursday March 5, as he wanted to be present at the birth of our first child."

Mr Gary Milton, a fellow lorry driver, told the inquest that he and Mr Millgate went to the lounge bar for a drink.

"The ship started to lean to one side", Mr Milton said. "There came a point when I realized the ship was going right over."

Mr Millgate's body was found the following day. Three days later his widow gave birth to their child, a girl.

Inquests were also held on Mr William Jefferson, aged 40, and his wife Patricia, aged 38; Miss Lynda Cockram, aged 24; Miss Melanie Wilson, aged 23; and Miss Rosemary Smith, aged 25, all of Wembley; Mr Stephen Taylor, aged 34, his wife Carol, aged 30, from Thamesmead, south London, and their neighbour, Mr Norman Sherratt, aged 40; Mr Ian Baddeley, aged 54, from Wallasey, Merseyside, his wife Eileen, aged 41, and her brother, Mr David Whitworth, aged 36, from Maghull, Merseyside.

● The coroner and jury are to tour a sister ship of the Herald of Free Enterprise tomorrow to get a clearer idea of where the deaths took place.

Hospital child care 'inferior'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many thousands of children who are admitted to hospitals receive inferior care and some suffer lasting psychological damage, including nightmares, as a result, specialists said yesterday.

The children are placed wrongly in adult wards, do not get enough time with their families, and may be tended by doctors and nurses who are not fully qualified in child care, a report by four eminent health organizations said.

The report, by the Royal College of Nursing, the British Paediatric Association, the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital (Nawch), and the National Association of Health Authorities, calls for a government review every three years of standards in hospital care of children.

It shows that of almost 900,000 children who have to stay overnight in hospital every year, a quarter are treated in "inappropriate" adult wards, and just over half are under the care of surgeons rather than paediatricians.

For many children and their families, a stay in hospital amounted to an "endurance test".

Dr Roderick MacFaul, of the British Paediatric Association, said that repeated admissions or long stays in hospitals could result in bedwetting at home, sleep disturbance, loss of appetite and reluctance to go to school.

Mrs Jean Rigby, a national executive member of Nawch and a qualified nurse, said: "Running a mixed ward of adults and children is virtually impossible. Children wake up earlier than adults, need to be fed at different times, require smaller doses of drugs with which nurses used to treating adults may be unfamiliar. They cry, they want their parents, they get fed up with adult patients, who in turn get fed up with them."

Some progress could be achieved by involving parents more in the care of their children, both in hospital and at home, Miss Susan Burr, of the Royal College of Nursing, said.

"Children brought by their playmates, schoolteachers and parents as 'clumsy' may be suffering a genuine disorder which makes their lives miserable, researchers said yesterday.

However, simple training measures which could be easily introduced in all schools would overcome many of their difficulties, they said.

New tests to diagnose the cause of clumsiness in children were announced by the charity Action Research for the Crippled Child.

Professor Judith Laszlo, who has spent more than 20 years pioneering research into clumsiness, said one in 10 primary school children were likely to be affected, and most of them would be boys.

return to school was Lisa Mildenhall, aged 14, who was shot four times by Ryan. She has been discharged from hospital but is still not well enough to resume lessons.

The memorial service will be held at Hungerford but the venue is still being considered as the biggest church, the parish church of St Lawrence, can hold only 300 people.

● A man aged 18 was arrested and released on bail yesterday after a fire damaged property worth £50,000 at a supermarket in Hungerford.

Memorial for Hungerford

A memorial service for the 16 people shot dead by Michael Ryan at Hungerford will be held on October 8 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, with invitations going to the Royal Family and the Prime Minister.

The service was announced yesterday as pupils returned to lessons in classroom six for the first time since Ryan's carnage ended in the second floor room of the John O'Gaunt Comprehensive School in the Berkshire market town.

Mr David Lee, the headmaster, said: "I think there will be problems but at this stage I have no idea where or when they will come."

One pupil who did not

Threat to wildlife

Habitat changes play havoc

By Ruth Gledhill

Some of the country's best loved wildlife is in imminent danger of extinction, conservationists and zoo directors from around the world were told at an international conference at Bristol Zoo yesterday.

The world's leading conservationists called for greater co-operation between international zoos to ensure the survival of endangered wildlife, which is threatened by pesticides, building work, and man's erosion and pollution of the countryside.

The fate of one bat, the last remaining *Myotis myotis*, or mouse-eared bat, eking out a solitary existence in a wood in Sussex, was highlighted by Dr Robert Stebbings, a scientist at the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology.

The death of that bat, with a 17-inch wing span making it the largest in Britain, will mark the end of the species in this country.

A further 12 of the 15 species of bat in Britain are also in serious decline, which began when the bats were evicted from churches and

cathedrals in restoration work earlier this century.

Legislation in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 protects bats from being disturbed or killed but a successful prosecution requires the conservationist to prove an intent to kill.

Dr Stebbings said that 90 per cent of bats were now believed to live in modern buildings as a result of the decline of their natural habitat of caves, forests, castles and churches. "If we lose all our bats it will not be an economic disaster. But it will be an aesthetic one."

Bats are not alone in the fight to survive. Dr Elizabeth Andrews, a co-ordinator with the Vincent Wildlife Trust of London, singled out the otter population as being in decline. She called for zoos and wildlife parks to help by breeding otters for release into the wild.

She said that recent research disclosed that although otters are virtually extinct in most of the country, they are surviving in the North, the

West, Scotland and Ireland and are increasing in Wales.

The sand lizard, the most endangered of the country's 12 species of amphibians and reptiles, is seriously threatened by the continued erosion of the sandy heathland it needs for survival.

"One of the best sites 20 years ago has become a sea of bracken", Mr Keith Corbett, of the British Herpetological Society, said. More than 200 sand lizards a year have been released back into the countryside into protected and isolated units of heathland, he said.

Dr Jeremy Thomas, a butterfly expert from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, disclosed that more than 40 of the country's 55 species of butterfly are "living on a knife-edge".

However, in a rare conservation success story, the Lake District population of peregrine falcons — once down to one or two pairs — is now the most thriving in the world with figures 200 per cent up on 50 years ago.



British Airways aim high with new Boeing 767s.

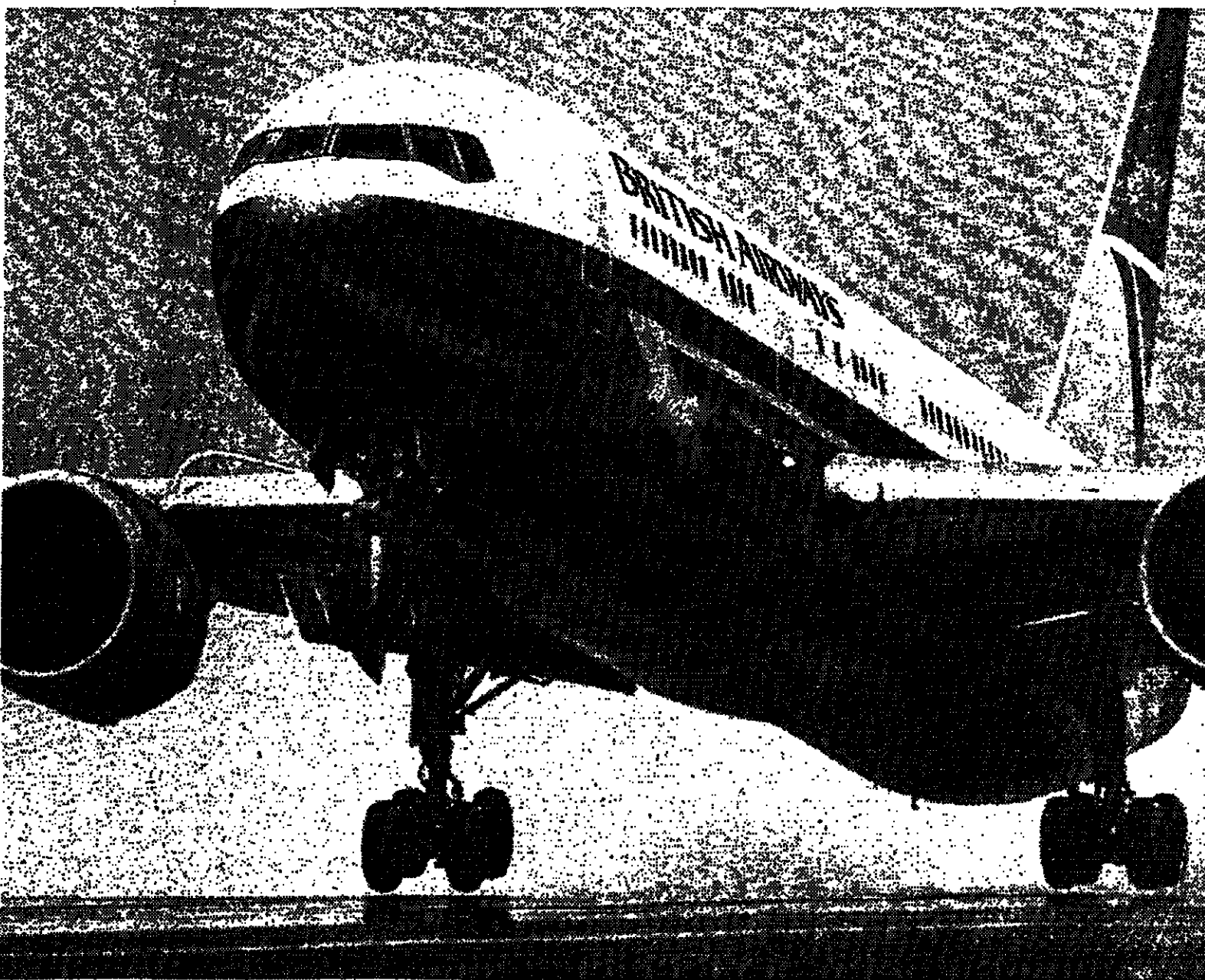
British Airways make no secret that its corporate goal is to be the best in the business.

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requirements for top performance, economy, high reliability and superior passenger appeal. After a thorough review of all the possible choices, British Airways selected the best. Boeing congratulates British Airways on its search for excellence, on its

decision to grow with the 767 and on its continuing dedication to the best service for the travelling public.

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Union law plans are denounced as scabs' charter

The Trades Union Congress yesterday denounced Government plans for its next stage of trade union law as a "scabs' charter" that was vindictive and an irrelevance.

Speakers at the congress in Blackpool were particularly angered by the proposal in the Green Paper, published earlier this year, that individual union members could defy with impunity calls for strikes that had been reached by majority decision.

A motion was passed unanimously, that described this as an unsatisfactory intervention in the internal affairs of trade unions and called for a vigorous campaign against the proposed legislation.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, who moved the composite motion, said that the Government's action against the union at the Cheltenham GCHQ demonstrated its aggressive approach to the trade union movement and to the basic rights of individuals to belong to a union.

He warned the Government that the case of the GCHQ was not forgotten and urged members to take part in a further demonstration being planned in Cheltenham in January.

It was some Government, he said, that took such action while at the same time claiming that its Green Paper on trade union reform was aimed at helping the freedom of the individual. The Government was guilty of perpetrating industrial crimes against those same workers.

The aim was really to weaken the position of workers in the interests of flexibility of labour. The same deceit was being practised in the Government's Green Paper on the unions.

It was seeking to hide undemocratic proposals under the cloak of democracy. A poll in the *Sunday Times* claimed that 47 per cent of union members supporting the Green Paper was a victory for the Government. Some victory! By exposing those deceptions the movement could reduce that 47 per cent to almost nil.

The NUR's first ballot had been held in 1911, thirty years before Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, had been born. There was nothing that he could teach the unions about democracy. The trade unions had practised it for decades through the choice of

the constitution they adopted. Nor was there to be a Commissioner for Trade Union Affairs. He could not see what role this new official would play.

It was discriminatory legislation. The most infamous proposal was for the right of the individual to choose to go back to work despite a call to take action.

It would have been more honest if the Government had said that it was a right of an individual to ignore a democratically arrived-at decision (applause).

Jobless record is attacked

The Government's supposed concern for the unemployed and its proposals to deal with the problem were illusory, Mr Peter Palmer, Society of Civil and Public Servants, said when proposing a motion attacking the Government's record on employment.

The motion, passed unanimously, called for a campaign against Government initiatives which "cynically misused" unemployment statistics, produced underfunded employment measures, forced conscription of labour and reduced the work of Jobcentres.

The reality of the situation, he said, was that the Government was prepared to use unemployment as a weapon against the trade unions and the working people.

Mrs Jean Travis, Apex, seconding, said that the efficient working of the Jobcentres had been hampered by Government interference which seemed aimed at benefiting the private employment agencies.

What if he were to say that he ignored the result of the general election. What would happen then?

The Government's plans would sour relations on the shop floor. Employers were also genuinely concerned about the effect of the proposals on industrial relations.

Mr Robin Smith, of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, seconded the NUR motion and said that attempts to undermine trade unions had come in two ways — by the Government's emphasis on the individual, on self-disregarding the majority for personal gain, and by direct Government action withdrawing the rights of trade union members.

What right had the Government to talk of democracy in its trade union legislation when it had blackmailed workers at GCHQ in Cheltenham?

There were reports that the Government was about to restrict trade union membership in other areas and it would be foolish to dismiss those reports. Trade union members must be ready to fight.

Mr Garfield Davies, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, moved a composite motion calling on the general council to mount a campaign aimed at part-time workers, black workers, women and young workers and all workers in small enterprises.

He said that these were most likely to be affected by trends to greater "casualization" of work, further attacks on national collective bargaining and erosion of pay.

Moving the motion, which spoke of the continued removal of legal protection on minimum wages, holidays and health and safety standards, he said that the Tories had mounted a strategy to cheapen labour, to expose more workers to ruthless employers and to cut labour costs. "As a result, full-time, secure, well paid jobs have become a thing of the past for many thousands of workers."

Mr Tom Kirk, general secretary, National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers, seconded Mr Davies' motion, said that exploitation of the young and of ethnic groups was spreading.

The wages of women manual workers, having reached the splendid level of almost 70 per cent of their male counterparts in 1980, had now dropped back. Last year, more than 8,000 employers were found to be underpaying their workers but only three were successfully prosecuted.

More than three million women got £90 a week or less, and there were thousands of youngsters in work and on schemes getting much less than that.

Last year, the congress had supported a policy for a national minimum wage. That must be adhered to.

Mr Simon Petch, general secretary of the Society of Telecom Executives, supporting the NUR motion, said that if there was a restoration and strengthening of unfair dismissal provisions, the Government would not have to be concerned about union mem-



Mr Jimmy Knapp: "The Government is guilty of perpetrating industrial crimes."

bers being called on to back industrial action.

Mr John Macrae, Civil and Public Services Association, said that unions in the public sector felt that legislation was being used to attack them and would be used as a launch pad for attacks on other areas.

The Green Paper was a scabs' charter and they had to oppose it. Ministers were already talking openly about trying to outlaw strikes in the public sector.

They were determined to win back the ground that had been lost. The congress was correct to repledge its commitment to union members at GCHQ. If the tremendous support given by other workers when the GCHQ union ban was announced had been backed by industrial action, the Tories would have been forced back and the unions would not be in the position they were in today.

Mr John Sheldon, general secretary of the Civil Service Union, said that the fun-

damental principle of trade unions was that they must be truly independent and legislation was undermining that. The GCHQ issue, among other things, was a deliberate attempt to get rid of real trade unions and replace them with sweetheart unions.

It would be a mistake if they gave up their independence just to gain recognition in new areas. Single-union, no-strike deals gave up voluntarily what the Government was seeking to do by force.

"My union will never sign a no-strike agreement in GCHQ. We believe we must fight to keep our independence and not negotiate it away."

Mr Frank Diver, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, complained that many small factories employing his union's members were not registered or inspected because of the lack of factory inspectors. His members were being exploited.

Mrs Ina Love, National

Union of Public Employees, said there was one group of workers more than most who needed the protection of trade unions — the part-time workers. There were five million part-time workers, nearly a quarter of the workforce and more than in manufacturing industry.

In 10 years the share would be a third. If the trade unions were looking to the future, it would have to be organizing those people and giving them protection.

Employers had them in a trap. They could drive down pay and conditions. That was what Mrs Thatcher wanted, "a cut-rate, flexible, throw-away workforce."

Mr Mike Chiverton, Tass, said that the proposed legislation needed a firm and coordinated response. They needed to say "enough is enough."

The two motions and the relevant section of the general council's report were carried unanimously.

JAIL SCHEMES

Private prisons come under fire

Attacks on the Government's proposals to privatise prisons and youth custody centres and on any plans for electronic tags for offenders, came from delegates.

The conference unanimously agreed to a composite motion calling on the Congress to campaign against prison privatization and electronic tagging.

Moving the motion, Mr John Rendle, Civil Service Union, said that Lord Calthorpe, Minister of State, Home Office, was reported to have gone to the United States to see the sinister-sounding Corrections Corporation of America to see what lessons he could learn. The corporation was looking to Britain for a launching pad into the international prison market.

"We must not allow the profit motive to determine penal policy. That would be a major backward step. We cannot allow the market forces of the City to decide how many people should be committed to jail. Money should not be made by 'shareholders of Prison Ltd'."

The test for the TUC throughout this week is how far it is prepared to come to terms with uncomfortable reality. In so far as it simply pretends that the world is as it would like it to be, the trade union movement will neither impress the public nor ultimately reassure its own declining membership.

On Monday afternoon it seemed to me that some encouragement might be drawn from the TUC's recognition of its limited power over its own member unions. But in yesterday's debate on trade union legislation there was not much sign of the TUC coming to terms with the world outside the conference hall.

The reality is that much of the legislation passed on trade unions in the past two parliaments has proved to be popular not only with the electorate at large but also with most trade unionists. They like having more control over the unions to which they belong.

There is also support for laws that the Government is now intending to introduce. The MORI poll published in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* this week shows that seven out of ten trade unionists want to be given the power to stop their unions calling them

Those who looked after prisoners exercised something close to absolute power, and that power had to be properly accounted for, too. It may be the bad and mad and sad who were locked away, but they were none the less a part of society.

Mr Frank Pickstone, chairman of the National Association of Probation Officers, seconding the motion, described electronic tagging as "a degrading and stigmatizing intrusion into civil liberties."

He did not want "an electronic equivalent of the ball and chain."

Mr John Bartell, of the Prison Officers' Association, said that it had sent delegates to investigate private prisons in the United States.

They found staff inadequately trained, poorly paid and non-unionized. They had witnessed noisy prisoners being gagged with sticky tape and women prisoners being sexually degraded by male staff who regarded women as "a private strip show" in private penal institutions.

There could hardly have been a more comprehensive or unyielding statement of opposition. All trade union legislation by this Government is ruled out.

So are any restrictions at any time upon the right to strike or to picket. Unions must be left free to organize their affairs entirely at their own discretion: no requirement that officers must be elected by secret ballots, nor any other safeguard for internal democracy.

There is a double significance in this rigid attitude. It intensifies the danger for the unions of seeming outdated

Bitter attacks on Mr Eric Hammond and the EETPU marked the opening of the dispute between News International and the print unions. Mr Tony Dubbins, leader of the NGA, called the electricians unprincipled and flatly accused Mr Hammond of lying.

The congress defied the general council and voted overwhelmingly to refer back for further consideration the council's report on the former dispute.

Mr Danny Sergeant, president of Sogat '82, moving the reference back, drew applause from the hall when he said that he was asking the congress to reject the general council's decision not to consider further disciplinary action against the EETPU.

"The general council has not exactly covered itself with glory over the News International dispute," he said, to further cheers. "They ignored the wish of last year's conference which effectively censured the general council for failing to instruct the EETPU not to do the print

workers' jobs at Wapping and Kinning Park."

Confidential minutes had come to light which clearly stated that Mr Hammond had given the go-ahead to Mr Murdoch to print at Wapping in order that Mr Murdoch could break the print unions at News International.

These revelations had been sufficient for an investigation by the general council and for disciplinary charges to be laid against the electricians' union.

"The general secretary advised the general council that he could not try the union twice for the same offence as that is called double jeopardy. It is the view of my union that that decision was a cop out," he said to loud cheers from delegates.

He concluded to prolonged applause: "Over the whole period of this dispute, the electricians have shown no compassion for the print workers."

Mr Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association (NGA), supporting the reference back, said that the

electricians had been found guilty of acting detrimentally to the principles of the trade union movement and of collusion with Mr Murdoch. No union had ever acted in such an unprincipled, disgraceful and dishonourable way.

The penalty imposed on the electricians for stealing the jobs of 5,000 print workers was no more than a slap on the wrist. "There are lies, damned lies and Eric Hammond's statement to the general council."

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said that the report set out a tale of picking up the pieces of a defeat in an important industrial dispute.

Around the time of last year's congress the unions were seeking an agreed solution to the News International dispute.

"But this company, flush with profits and the unmistakable smell of victory, set down terms which the unions could not accept."

That led Sogat, the NGA and NUJ to press the general council to reopen disciplinary proceedings against the EETPU on the

basis of allegations of the union's complicity with the company, made in the book *The End of the Street*.

The general council recalled that the EETPU had previously been found guilty of five of the seven charges made against it, and directions had been issued about future conduct. That was what the rules provided for.

The union had accepted those directions. It was on that basis that he had given the advice described because he had no alternative. The union could not be tried twice for the same offence.

"The general council, therefore, had to decide if it could not reopen the disciplinary action against the EETPU."

There was some laughter from the floor when Mr Willis told delegates: "I want to emphasize that the general council's directions to the EETPU are still as much in force as they were on the day they were taken."

He wished to make clear to the union and to every union that the general council would enforce its formal decisions.

WAPPING DISPUTE

Fierce onslaught on Hammond by two main printing unions

BENEFITS

Call to defend the welfare state

The attack by the Government on benefits meant that everyone in need, particularly women and the low paid, was affected by the cuts Mrs Anne Spencer, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, said during a debate on the welfare state.

She proposed a motion, carried unanimously, condemning repeated and damaging attacks by the Government on the welfare state, including measures embodied in the Social Security Act, 1986, and the attempt to destroy Serps.

The welfare state had been under continuous attack since the Conservatives came to power, she said, because they were ideologically opposed to public provision for those in need. They wanted to see people make private provision for illness and ill health and for those who could not afford it there would be a second-class, mean-spirited benefit at best.

No one should be surprised by the Government's attack on Serps as it had been introduced by the previous Labour Government to provide workers with dignity in retirement.

"We ask the congress to

reaffirm its support for basic rights for people, the right to employment, the right to a decent wage and right to an equitable and adequate benefit system and to a decent death grant. No longer should people be too poor to live and too poor to die," she said.

Mr Michael Barrett, general secretary of the National League of the Blind and Disabled, seconding the motion, said an all-party group had lobbied MPs to put down a Commons early day motion calling on the Government to rethink its policy towards the disabled.

The Government was not prepared to do that because it was cutting £300 million from disabled benefits.

That would mean those who, for instance, needed cars would probably not be able to afford them and they would be forced to go back to living in institutions. That would cost more.

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Prosecutors want big pay rises to combat low morale

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Crown prosecutors are expected to press for big pay rises in the next round of negotiations between unions and management in an effort to combat acute staffing shortages and low morale in the service.

The Association of First Division Civil Servants is lodging a pay claim for an allowance of £2,500 from next April.

Almost half the posts in some areas of the service, notably London, are still empty and last month Sir

Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions, said it was still the most serious problem the service faced.

The issue of staff shortages was raised at the TUC conference in Blackpool yesterday when the TUC was urged to press the Government to improve pay in the service.

Miss Alec Brett-Holt, a solicitor in government legal service and a member of the association, said that an average of 30 per cent of posts were empty.

She said that, in some regions, the average was almost half. Resignations were outstripping recruitment of solicitors and lawyers.

About 100 lawyers have been recruited by the service in the past year but 70 crown prosecutors and senior crown prosecutors have resigned.

There are 1,246 lawyers in posts throughout the service, a shortfall of nearly 30 per cent. The biggest shortage is in London where it is just under 50 per cent. In West Mercia it is 46.9 per cent and in

Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire it is 46.8 per cent.

A survey earlier this year by the association claimed that nearly 60 per cent of the 1,000 junior and middle-ranking lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service were considering leaving because of poor morale.

The survey found "devastating disaffection nationwide". Its findings were contested by management.

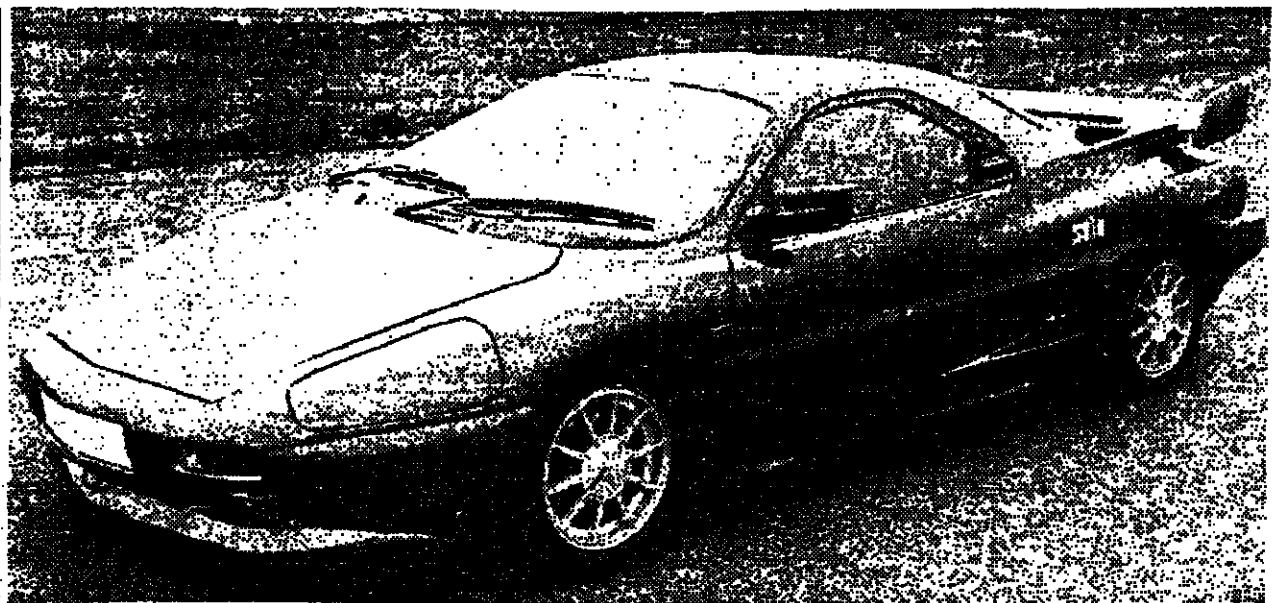
Sir Thomas said last month that a recruitment drive was being launched to combat shortages.

Salaries are £11,603 to £16,576 for crown prosecutors; £15,030 to £20,292 for senior crown prosecutors; up to £28,215 for branch crown prosecutors and up to £37,000 for chief crown prosecutors.

In London and surrounding areas there is £1,465 weighting for most posts.

Recent negotiations have resulted in an agreement for an extra allowance of £1,000 to £2,000 for lawyers working in London and the Home Counties, where staff shortages are most acute.

Mrs Robyn Dacey, the first division Civil Servants' assistant secretary, emphasized that a big pay rise for all lawyers would go a long way to attracting new entrants and improving morale.



Frankfurt Motor Show

High-tech British sports car launched

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

A new high-tech 150 mph British sports car was launched at the Frankfurt Motor Show yesterday.

British enthusiasts will get their first glimpse of the stylish four-wheel drive Panther Solo 2 (seen above) at Motorfair at Earls Court, London, next month.

The £28,000 car is expected to go into production early next year at Panther's headquarters in Weybridge, Surrey.

Only 100 cars are likely to be produced in 1988 but 600 are planned for 1989. Of those, a third will be sold in Britain.

Panther sees the car as a competitor to Porsche. Safety

features include an impact-absorbent system used in racing car design.

A research car, in which the driver's only link with the steering wheel and brakes is through a computer, has been developed by British engineers.

The car, nearing completion at Lotus Engineering's Hethel Research and Development Centre near Norwich, has the steering, brakes, engine and suspension completely under computer control.

Mr Peter Wright, technical director of Lotus Engineering, said yesterday that drivers might find it hard to accept that the steering wheel was not

connected to the steering column in the normal way.

Turning the wheel simply provided a signal to the computer which then turned the front wheels using telescopic hydraulic pistons. Only in the event of the computer failing was a conventional mechanical steering system reinstated.

Known as the "fully active" car, it has been built by Lotus engineers and a team from Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford.

The aim of the fully active car is to make a vehicle that is safer, more responsive to the driver's actions and more stable.

"The problem for a driver is

that the car doesn't do what he commands; often the response is different according to the conditions", Mr Wright said. In icy conditions in a conventional car the driver turned the steering wheel but it might be too slippery for the car to turn as he wished.

The computer of the fully active car would monitor the slip of the wheels and slow the car by easing the throttle or applying the brakes so that the car could corner as if it were on a dry road.

Mr Wright said that by using a single micro-processor for the whole system it was possible to make all the functions interact.

Finances fetter fair trading

Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, has said that his office might be unable to ensure that the professions dismantle restrictive practices in line with his recommendations because of a lack of funds. (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

Last year, Sir Gordon issued a report on solicitors, barristers, accountants, architects, and called for a number of rules to be abolished in the public interest.

His report, which drew a critical reaction from the Bar and Law societies, concluded that restrictions were, in some cases, fettering competition and preventing the development of new ways of providing professional services.

He said that the rules should be relaxed to allow professions to set up shop in mixed partnerships, a topic that is now the subject of widespread consultation among solicitors, and for barristers to be able to form partnerships.

There is now concern that, with the onset of work in connection with the Financial Services Act 1986, follow-up work on the professions' restrictive practices is at risk.

The Office of Fair Trading is just starting to inspect the rules that the professions, as self-regulatory organizations under the Financial Services Act, must draw up.

Sir Gordon has said that the report on the professions was requested by ministers in 1985 and it had involved "much research and discussion with professional organizations".

"It is obviously essential that the results of such investigations should be actively followed through so that the benefits are brought to bear in the market place."

Sir Gordon also expressed concern in his report at the amount of work that had been generated by the Government's initiatives in promoting competition, in privatization and in deregulation. There was now potential for competition that did not previously exist, he said.

Competitive robot is on the horizon

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

One of the leading scientists in the field of artificial intelligence, Professor Marvin Minsky, has proposed a future in which robots will evolve competitive instincts.

However, the type of electronic systems that will learn to mimic that pattern of human behaviour are at the most primitive stage.

Nevertheless, Professor Minsky, co-founder of the internationally famous Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the United States, sees the development as an inevitable outcome of discoveries about the brain. They are coming from advances in molecular biology and from greater psychological understanding of the mind.

In an interview in London, he outlined the idea of the future robot brain in which "intelligence can emerge from non-intelligence".

His description is based on the research which he believes

"provides a road map to the way the mind works", published this week under the title *The Society of Mind*.

Professor Minsky suggests that a mind can be built from many small parts which, in his view, vary from person to person.

They are influenced by one of three stages of evolution: 300 million years of biological development leading to the human brain, the ideas from the acquisition of knowledge over the past 1,000 years and the first 10 years of conditioning of the child.

Variations in these components, which he calls the mind's middle managers, hold the key to different abilities between people.

A key component described by Professor Minsky is the "possessional" part of the mind. That is strong in people who spend their lives determined to get rich and could evolve in the robot brain to create "automatons" determined to be on top.

Regatta reveller jailed for assault

A naked reveller who punched a policewoman to the ground during the Henley Regatta was sentenced yesterday to three months at a detention centre.

Steven Palmer, aged 19, of Headford Road, Knowle, Bristol, hit WPC Ros Fox on the head on a bridge at Henley-on-Thames during the south Oxfordshire town's Royal Regatta Week in July.

Palmer had stripped after taking a £5 bet with fellow revellers, Henley Magistrates' Court was told. Later he assaulted WPC Fox on the bridge and with Anthony Probert, aged 19, of Kildare Road, Knowle, assaulted a male police officer, Sergeant Kevin Albin.

Palmer admitted assaulting WPC Fox and Sergeant Albin, and also pleaded guilty to a third charge of disorderly conduct. He received concur-

rent sentences of three months for each assault and one month for the third charge. He was also ordered to pay £50 compensation to each of the police officers.

Probert admitted assaulting Sergeant Albin and was sentenced to 240 hours of community service. He was also ordered to pay £50 compensation.

Mrs Jane Streetfield, for the defence, said that Palmer recalled hitting Sergeant Albin "But with regard to the WPC, he tells me that his intention certainly was not to hit her but unfortunately she got caught in the crossfire", she said.

Mrs Streetfield said Palmer had drunk seven or eight pints of beer in two public houses, and Probert nine or 10, before the fight took place as they returned to their car.

Frenchman funds opera production

By Lynda Mardin, Arts Correspondent

Financial backing provided by a Frenchman who loves music has made possible Glyndebourne Touring Opera's next production, *The Electrification of the Soviet Union*, it was disclosed in London yesterday.

Mr Vincent Meyer, aged 35, is paying the production costs of the controversial opera from which Alan Opte, the baritone, recently withdrew because he felt uncomfortable with the strong language in a love scene.

The Electrification of the Soviet Union is based on a story by Boris Pasternak and combines the talents of the composer Nigel Osborne, the poet Craig Raine as librettist, and Peter Sellars, an American director making his British debut.

Operas frequently obtain sponsorship from commercial companies but it is unusual for an individual to give such support.

Yesterday, Mr Meyer, who is president of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, declined to disclose the size of the bill he was paying. "It is

quite expensive, but I think money is only important because it makes such things possible."

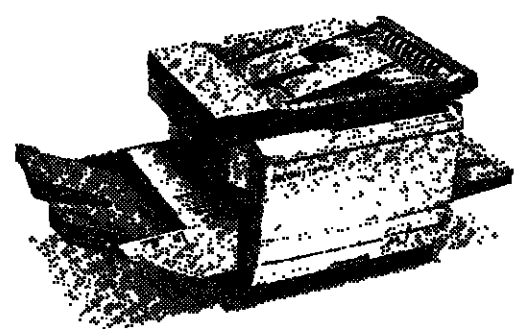
Mr Anthony Whitworth-Jones, the Glyndebourne administrator, said: "It is not one of the company's most expensive productions but it has a reasonable budget. The production would not have been possible without Mr Meyer. We are very, very lucky."

Mr Meyer said: "I think I fell in love with this little trio. You can find rude words in Shakespeare, Rimbaud or Apollinaire, but it is not really rude words, rather poetry based on sex and quite beautiful."

It was also announced yesterday that Glyndebourne's new opera policy is to include Sir Michael Tippett's work. *New Year*, which was jointly commissioned by Glyndebourne, Houston Opera and the BBC and is already partially written. The world premiere, directed by Sir Peter Hall, will be staged in Houston in 1989 and seen in Sussex the next year.



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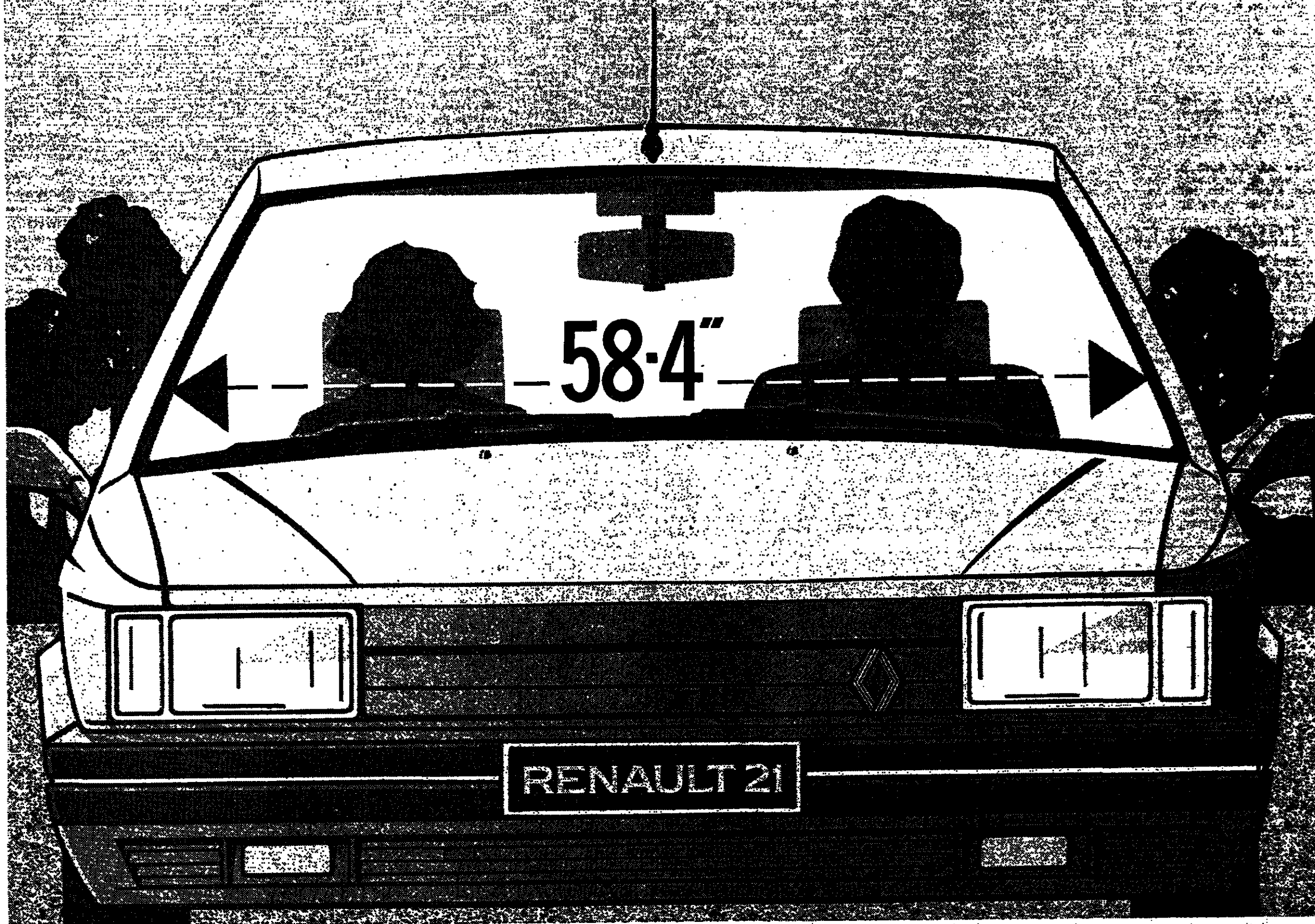
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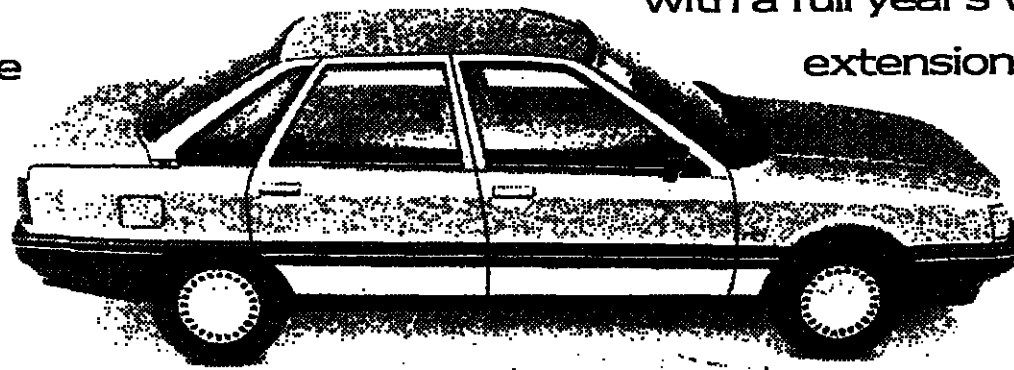
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New genetic tests find fathers of 100 children

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The paternity of 100 children is now known for certain, since tests using genetic "finger printing" became commercially available on June 1 at a laboratory in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Paternity cases in the United Kingdom make up the second largest category of cases among more than 600 which have been booked or tested since the laboratory, run by Cellmark Diagnostics, part of ICI Diagnostics, started work.

They include wardship cases to establish who should look after a child, Mr Philip Webb, general manager of Cellmark Diagnostics, said, and cases to establish the father of a child conceived when a wife was having an affair.

Where maintenance is being claimed by a woman, Cellmark can prove whether the man involved is the father of a child.

The tests are based on the uniqueness of each person's genetic make-up, determined by the DNA molecule in all living organisms. Samples of blood, tissue, semen or hair root will provide identification for individuals in paternity and other cases.

The biggest single category of tests is immigration cases

where the relationship is being tested between a sponsor in the UK and the rest of a family on the Indian sub-continent. People pay for the test when they or their families have been refused entry, Cellmark says.

A test to establish paternity costs about £105 for each person involved; a total of £315 to examine blood from the father, mother and child.

The company has just completed trials for the Home Office on 35 to 40 families, in collaboration with Dr Alec Jeffreys, the test's inventor. The results will go before ministers to decide whether DNA "finger-printing" should be introduced as a routine part of immigration procedures.

The third main category is forensic tests. Mr Webb said that DNA "finger-printing" will be presented to court in a criminal case for the first time in a case of alleged rape, due at the Central Criminal Court this month.

Cellmark has been handling other forensic cases, mostly alleged rape, for both defence and prosecution. Where a semen sample has been taken from the victim it can be analysed in the same way as blood and compared with the blood of the arrested suspect, to see if the two match.

Farming ills

Whitehall blamed for beet scourge

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government will today reply to accusations of negligence in allowing rhizomania, a sugar beet disease, to enter Britain.

The disease attacks beet crops and can reduce sugar yields by up to 70 per cent. In the past 30 years, it has spread from Italy to France, Germany and the Netherlands.

Mr John MacGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, is expected to issue a statement this afternoon after a meeting with leaders of the National Farmers' Union, who will be demanding firmer action to halt the spread of the disease and compensation for farmers.

The NFU has blamed the Government for allowing the disease to reach Britain, probably by infected soil on imported vegetables.

"This is something we take extremely seriously, and what irks us is that the ministry has not, in our view, taken all reasonable precautions", Mr Simon Gourlay, the union's president, said.

The British Sugar Corporation has also been criticized for issuing a statement last week saying that there had been no further outbreaks of rhizomania since it was discovered in a field in Suffolk

a fortnight ago, and suggesting that its effects in other countries were not serious.

Mr Matt Twidale, chairman of the NFU sugar beet committee, said British Sugar was complacent and seemed more concerned about its share price than growers' interests.

Mr Peter Smith, one of two farming brothers on whose land the disease was discovered, said he stood to lose thousands of pounds from the rhizomania outbreak.

Mr David Naish, the NFU deputy president, said it was unjust that individual farmers affected by the disease should bear the cost of disinfectants and other farming restrictions to protect other growers from the outbreak.

"The restrictions the Ministry of Agriculture is imposing on the Smiths are necessary in the national interest", he said. "We are therefore putting it to the minister, as a point of principle, that it is the Government's responsibility to compensate for the cost of those restrictions."

One point likely to be made forcefully to Mr MacGregor is that if the Smiths are penalized for reporting the disease, other farmers will be deterred from doing so.

Weather crushes British grapes

By Robin Young

The English wine industry may have its crop written off as a disaster more than a month before the first grape is picked.

At Biddenden, one of the most successful English vineyards in recent years, poor weather has slashed the crop by four fifths. East Kent's vineyards have also suffered badly.

In Suffolk, growers were studying the economics of installing extra tanks to hold a record production, until two nights of heavy rain washed out their hopes.

For some English vineyards, hopes are still high. The further west and more sheltered the vineyard is, the better the prospects.

Growers in the west of the country and along the south coast say things are not going at all badly. A few say they have never done better.

Mr David Carr-Taylor, pioneer of English sparkling wine production and wine exports to France, said: "We still hope to achieve five or six tonnes an acre and in 14 years we have never failed to get an economic crop of more than two tonnes."

"By contrast, my neighbours growing raspberries and strawberries reckon to have a crop failure every four or five years."

The earliest date for picking anticipated by growers yesterday was October 16. Some are quite prepared to be picking in December if it takes that long for their grapes to ripen.

• The British are drinking

Ferry passengers help to save more lives at sea



Mr John McLean, coxswain of the Peterhead lifeboat, at the helm of a new £300,000 Tyne-class lifeboat which is soon to come into service at Peterhead.

Mr McLean and the lifeboat were at St Katharine's Dock, east London, yesterday when just over £150,000 was presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution by Sealink British Ferries.

The money was given by thousands of people who travelled with Sealink in summer last year. It will pay half the cost of building and equipping a new, fast carriage-launched lifeboat, similar to the Peterhead vessel.

A cheque for £151,518 was presented to Vice-admiral Sir Peter Compston, of the RNLI, by Mr Mike Aiken, of Sealink.

Photograph: Harry Kerr

Broadmoor inmates permitted to wed

A rapist and a woman who tried to murder three children have been given permission to marry next month behind the walls of Broadmoor, one of Britain's top-security hospitals. But it seems unlikely that they will be allowed to live together as man and wife.

The wedding banns which announce their plans to marry on October 12 have been posted at a register office near the hospital in Crowthorne, Berkshire. The groom is Bryan Carter, aged 25, who was sent to Broadmoor for an indefinite period after he pleaded guilty at Oxford Crown Court in July 1985 to the rape of a woman in her twenties.

He has proposed to and been accepted by Mrs Jean

Hewett, aged 37, a child-minder from Stratford, east London, who was sent to Broadmoor in 1976 for a similar indefinite period after she was convicted of attempting to murder three young children in her care.

Hewett, who advertised her services as a child minder in shop windows near her home in London, first attempted to kill one of her charges in August 1974 but was disturbed by the child's parents. She was to try again twice, unsuccessfully, before she gave herself up to police.

Carter, formerly a builder, admitted viciously raping a single woman in her twenties who called at his home selling

make-up in November 1985, just six weeks after he had got married.

Mr John Roberts, administrator at Broadmoor, confirmed that two inmates are to marry but said because of "security requirements" it was unlikely they would be able to live together as man and wife.

Male and female patients are able to mix socially and in some of the working areas at the heavily guarded hospital but living quarters are strictly segregated.

It is thought that the affair between Carter and Hewett developed as they socialized with other inmates. They then had to get permission from the

authorities for the wedding to go ahead. A prison chaplain may conduct the ceremony and the couple might be allowed a brief honeymoon inside the hospital.

Mr Andrew McKay, Conservative MP for East Berkshire, whose constituency includes Broadmoor, said he wished the couple well. He said: "People should not intrude on their marriage. Of course these are exceptional circumstances and there will be special considerations and special problems that Broadmoor staff will have to face."

The one thing that is of paramount importance and always has been at Broadmoor is security.

Protection against gazumping

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

House buyers are to get free insurance, to cover the losses caused by gazumping, from the Abbey National Building Society's new Cornerstone estate agency.

The "fall-through" policy will reimburse expenses up to £450 to people whose house purchase fails for reasons beyond their control, such as a vendor increasing the price.

Abbey National announced its new venture yesterday. Starting with 48 wholly-owned agents, the first of which opened in Watford, Hertfordshire, it expects to have 100 by the end of the year and 1,000 offices within five years.

The society has joined the other big building societies—the Halifax, Nationwide Anglia and Woolwich—to take an interest in estate agency as a way of protecting its share of the mortgage market and increasing its earnings.

Cornerstone offers a one-stop shopping service including financial advice and a repairer insurance as well as the fall-through policies and the traditional services of an estate agent.

The repairer insurance, widely used in the United States, will give households round-the-clock cover for central heating, plumbing, gas, electricity and drainage.

Mr Peter Birch, Abbey National's chief executive, said he believed the venture offered significant benefits to customers and a viable future for many existing independent estate agents.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Kremlin calls for end to Gulf war

Moscow — During Kremlin talks, Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday told Mr. Muhammad Larjani, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister, that Russia believed the war in the Gulf should end as soon as possible. (Christopher Walker writes).

"The Soviet side stressed the urgent need for the speediest end to the Iran-Iraq War," Mr. Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman said. "We are for a just settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict by political means on the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598."

● TOKYO: Japan's shipping industry and its seamen agreed yesterday to end their four-day-old ban on sailings into the Gulf, shipping industry sources said (Reuters reports). A convoy of eight Japanese ships has now set sail for the Gulf. Hostage-deal rumours, page 10

Ignorance in America

New York — More than a third of American 17-year-olds think the Watergate affair happened before 1950 and the US Navy beat the Spanish Armada in 1898 (Charles Bremner writes). The findings appear in a government survey released yesterday which apparently confirms an appalling ignorance about history and literature among US teenagers.

Mr. Chester Finn, one of the survey's organizers, said: "We are raising a generation of historical and literary incompetents." Concern over the failure of schools to impart the basics of US culture has grown in recent months. Two books on the subject, *The Closing of the American Mind*, by Allan Bloom, and *Cultural Literacy*, by E.D. Hirsch, have become bestsellers.

Arms man Teenagers surrenders for trial

Rome — A mysterious arms trader at the centre of Italy's mines-for-Iran scandal has given himself up to the police, sources in the Prosecutor's Office said yesterday (Roger Boyes writes).

After Italian police impounded a boat-load of heroin, hashish, missiles and other arms in the port of Bari last week, they raided the hotel room of an Italian-Swiss arms salesman, Signor Aldo Anghelescu, but he had fled.

Signor Anghelescu surrendered to the police late on Monday night, according to the sources.

Siamese twins 'stable'

Washington — The condition of Patrick and Benjamin Binder, the two West German Siamese twins separated in a 22-hour operation at the weekend, remains critical but stable. Doctors said yesterday that they were "slightly encouraged" by the progress of the boys, who were joined at the back of the head (Michael Binyon writes).

Prisoners Torture go free denied

Bujumbura, Burundi (Reuters) — The ruler of Burundi, Major Pierre Buyoya, has announced the release of several hundred political prisoners held by the deposed President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza.

Major Buyoya told a rally in support of his new regime Bagaza had jailed an untold number of people "without justification and without trial" during his 11-year rule. More than 200 are to be freed in Bujumbura alone.

Graham in hospital

Tokyo (Reuters) — The American evangelist, Mr. Billy Graham, left, is recuperating in a Tokyo hospital after a fall in his hotel room last Friday in which he broke a rib, a spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said Mr. Graham, aged 68, who is confined to bed, had been forced to postpone his first visit to China. "This is one of the greatest disappointments of my life," Mr. Graham is quoted as saying.

New Yorkers back move on 'crazies'

From Charles Bremner, New York

Mayor Edward Koch has earned himself grudging approval from most New Yorkers by announcing a plan to remove the most mentally disturbed homeless people from the streets and take them to hospitals.

In the past few years, the "crazies", as they are known, have become an increasingly visible, and offensive, feature of Manhattan life, just as the city has swung from 1970s recession to 1980s gold rush.

According to Mr. Koch, the disturbed are only a few hundred of the tens of thousands of homeless people who roam the streets of the Big Apple, begging in numbers that shock first-time visitors to the world's richest city.

Filthy, ragged and often surprisingly young, the mentally disturbed have been left to wander around unless deemed an immediate physical danger to themselves or other people.

Only 125 were removed for treatment last year. Now health workers will be able to bring in anyone who appears unable to take care of himself.

Last week, in a satirical report on the sorry state of New York, the *Miami Herald* newspaper said the fastest-growing job sector in the metropolis was that occupied by those shrieking at taxis and holding animated sidewalk conversations with beings from another dimension.

Mr. Koch's proposal has prompted jokes from other cities about how to tell which

New Yorkers are crazy, but local people have long ceased to see anything funny about the pathetic men and women who haunt almost every street corner of the city centre.

The "crazies" phenomenon results from a policy of emptying the mental hospitals since the late 1960s and early 1970s. Many American cities took this course in the belief that patients recovered better "in the community". It was also thought to save a lot of money. In the early 1960s, the population of New York State mental hospitals was 100,000. In 1987, there are fewer than 20,000.

Politicians and many health experts now believe the policy was a disaster that will take years to overcome, especially since it will require a big rise in spending.

Mr. Koch, announcing his plan last week, said: "Common sense has taken over the city." Street interviews and radio phone-in programmes showed strong public support, but the mayor was criticized by some civil-rights leaders, who see an infringement of personal liberties, and by some mental health officials and advocates for the homeless.

However, Mr. Koch responded: "Those people who say 'No, you have no right to intervene to help these people' — these are the crazies."

Dr. John Talbot, head of the American Psychiatric Association task force on the issue, said: "What the mayor is trying to do is in keeping with the consensus nationally among psychiatrists."

Reagan's final year promises acrimonious battles

From Michael Binyon Washington

Congress reassembles today after a month's summer break, marking the opening of a season of intense political activity in Washington that will be played out against the backdrop of the accelerating 1988 presidential campaign.

Five issues will preoccupy congressmen in the next few months: the huge budget deficit, the battle over the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court, the dilemma of what to do about the Nicaraguan Contras, the crisis in the Gulf and the likely conclusion of an arms agreement followed by a Soviet-American summit.

The Democrat-controlled Congress differs sharply with the Reagan Administration on most issues, and acrimonious clashes are likely as

both sides seek to dominate the agenda in the final year of Mr. Reagan's presidency. The tensions will be exacerbated by the 1988 presidential campaign and the looming congressional elections.

The first confrontation will come over Judge Bork. President Reagan has made confirmation of the 60-year-old conservative a top domestic priority. But a formidable alliance of liberals and civil rights and feminist groups has signalled tough opposition to a man they say is a doctrinaire right-wing extremist.

Confirmation hearings, which will be nationally televised, begin on Tuesday, and the Senate is due to vote on Judge Bork on October 1. But despite President Reagan's appeal to keep politics out of the process, the issue has become a test of strength between liberals and

conservatives, and Senator Joseph Biden, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has staked his presidential ambitions on blocking Judge Bork.

Central America is another litmus test for liberals and conservatives. The immediate issue is the renewal of military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, which runs out at the end of September. The White House is lobbying strongly for its Central American policy, but it has been caught between conservatives who are deeply suspicious of Mr. Reagan's acceptance of a Central American peace plan and liberal Democrats, led by Senator Christopher Dodd, who strongly oppose Contra aid.

The White House now seems unsure how to proceed. The issue has been inflamed by the publicity given to the Iran-Contra hearings.

The most explosive foreign policy issue, however, is the Gulf. The reopening of the tanker war between Iran and Iraq increases the risk to US warships and the reflagged Kuwaiti tankers, and there is widespread concern in Congress at the possibility of armed clashes between the US and Iran.

A full-scale assault on a US ship would quickly transform the political situation in Washington, though it looks unlikely. But Congress will continue to press the Administration to invoke the War Powers Act, and increasing opposition to the US role in the Gulf is likely.

The intractable budget deficit will also force Congress to make hard choices, and there will be battles over the related issues of trade protectionism, health insurance and

the defence bill. Mr. Reagan has insisted he will not compromise in his demand that Congress keep up defence spending but cut domestic programmes. Congress, in any case, has to pass the 1988 federal budget, of more than \$1,000 billion, before the start of the financial year on October 1.

Finally, on arms control, the Administration can expect some respite. Although conservatives are unhappy with concessions the US has made, the Democratic majority in Congress will support an agreement abolishing intermediate-range nuclear forces, and is likely to give bipartisan support to Mr. Reagan. However he still faces strong criticism over his Strategic Defence Initiative, his interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and Pentagon spending.

Alfonsín set to shake up Cabinet after poll defeats

From Eduardo Coé, Buenos Aires

President Alfonsín of Argentina was preparing yesterday to make big changes in his Cabinet after his Radical Civic Union Party's defeat in Sunday's provincial and legislative elections, according to sources close to the Government.

The sources, widely cited in yesterday's Buenos Aires newspapers, indicated that among those likely to leave are the Economy Minister, Señor Juan Sourrouille, whose tight monetary policies are being seen within the Government as the main cause of the Radical débâcle at the polls.

Señor Alfonsín, who said the results required serious

Santiago — A political exile expelled from Chile for the second time was found freezing by an Argentine border patrol in a high Andean pass on Monday, an Argentine diplomat said here (Reuters reports).

Señor Erich Schnake, a former senator, was arrested in Santiago on Saturday and escorted to the border by police after he clandestinely re-entered Chile.

Spanish protest: Spain has made a formal complaint to Chile and Argentina is considering what action to take in protest at the expulsion of Señor Schnake (Lake Sagaris writes).

reflection on the part of the Government, spent Monday and yesterday analysing the vote and meeting close aides at his official residence just outside the capital. The entire Cabinet formally presented its resignation late on Monday, but the President's official spokesman, Señor José Ignacio López, said it was unlikely that any Cabinet changes would be announced for about 10 days.

Meanwhile, the final election count showed the depth of the Radical defeat. Overall, the Radicals received 37.9 per cent of the vote, down from 43.2 per cent in the 1985 elections. The Peronists had 41.5 per cent, an impressive 7.5 per cent increase

The Radicals lost four provinces to the Peronist opposition, including such Radical strongholds as Misiones and provinces such as Formosa and Chaco.

A most painful defeat was in Buenos Aires Province, where the Peronists won over the Radicals by 45.6 to 39.4 per cent, a difference of more than 400,000 votes.

In all the Peronists now control 16 of the country's 22 provinces with the Radicals holding only Córdoba, Río Negro and the federal capital. Although the Radicals won the vote in Tucumán Province, the governor there will be chosen by an electoral college and the combination of votes for the Peronists and a local party may be enough to elect a Peronist governor. Perhaps symbolic of the Radical defeat was their loss in the city of Viedma, the site of the new federal capital chosen by the Government with much fanfare.

In the Chamber of Deputies the Radicals gave up 13 seats and lost their slim two vote absolute majority, although they will still represent the single largest voting block. The new 254 member Chamber will be composed of 117 Radicals, 105 Peronists, 7 deputies from the Union of Democratic Centre Party, and 25 representatives from diverse groups.

"The party that is not the Government has the power and the one that has the power is not the Government," the Buenos Aires business daily *Amorbo Financiero* concluded in a leading article yesterday.

But if the election results will make Señor Alfonsín's task more difficult over the next two years, the Peronists now face the challenge of proving they are a viable alternative. If the country's difficult economic situation has not improved considerably by the 1989 presidential election, the Peronists may be the victims of the same anger among the voters that benefited them so handsomely on Sunday.

A signing of the times in Bonn



Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, giving his autograph to Veronika Schneider, aged nine, in Bonn yesterday, where he met Herr Herbert Wehner, of the Social Democrats.

The war in Chad

Libyan air base 'wiped out'

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The Chad Government has announced that its forces killed 1,730 Libyans and took 313 prisoners last weekend in the cross-border raid on the Libyan air base at Maaten es-Serra.

It also spoke of "hundreds of Libyans fleeing into the desert to die of thirst". Three of those captured were reported to be mercenaries — two Yugoslavs and one East German.

The Chad casualty figures were 65 dead and 112 injured. The announcement, which came after news that the attacking column of 2,000 men was now safely backed in Chad, praised the force for its boldness in "entirely and totally destroying the base". It had been estimated that there

were about 3,000 men and 30 aircraft at Maaten es-Serra.

The Chad Government claimed that 22 aircraft were destroyed, among which were three Soviet-made Mig-23 fighters and a Mig-24 combat helicopter and four French-made Mirage fighters.

The French Defence Ministry confirmed that 50 Mirage jets had been sold to the Libyans at the beginning of the 1970s.

Important quantities of ground military equipment were also destroyed.

The French press yesterday was practically unanimous in feeling that although French ground forces in Njamena, the Chad capital, had on Monday shot down an attacking Libyan aircraft, killing its

crew, Colonel Gaddafi had scored a point in dragging France into direct conflict with his forces.

There is growing right-wing pressure in France to increase the present 1,500-strong force in Chad. However, M. André Giraud, the French Defence Minister, said yesterday that for the moment there was no question of sending reinforcements.

There is also growing pressure on the French Government to bring President Hissene Habré of Chad back into line and stop him advancing into the disputed Aouzou Strip and beyond into Libya itself. But Paris sees the frontier dispute as an entirely different question to that of the liberation of Chad from Libyan occupying forces.

Poll gives Hart cold comfort on return

From Michael Binyon Washington

On the eve of Mr. Gary Hart's first television interview since he withdrew from the presidential race, a national poll found that almost half all Americans strongly advise him not to re-enter the race.

Mr. Hart, who dropped out of the battle for the Democratic nomination after allegations over his relationship with a woman friend, was due to say last night whether or not he would run. This follows speculation by his former campaign manager, during Mr. Hart's holiday in Ireland, that he would be a candidate again.

The poll in the newspaper *USA Today* found that 48 per cent of those asked said he should not join the race, against 42 per cent who still backed him. Similarly 48 per cent said they would not vote for him, while 43 per cent said they would.

Mr. Hart's withdrawal significantly boosted the hopes of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the only black seeking the Democratic nomination. Another poll in *Time* magazine, published on Monday, found that 88 per cent of Democrats recognized his name, and 26 per cent called him their first choice to be the presidential candidate, making him easily the front runner.

In a clear attempt to squeeze maximum publicity out of the media speculation, he said on Monday that he would officially declare his candidacy on October 10.

He would make the announcement — "after a very extensive period of experimentation, examination, testing the waters" — at a meeting in South Carolina of his "Rainbow coalition," a group he founded during his 1984 presidential campaign.

The *Time* poll found his support ran at twice that for his nearest rival, Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, in the Republican camp, another poll found that Senator Robert Dole of Kansas has edged slightly ahead of Vice-President George Bush in the crucial state of Iowa. With five months to go before the state's caucuses, *The Des Moines Register* poll found 32 per cent of voters supporting Mr. Dole, compared with 29 per cent for Mr. Bush.

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Bonn's gratitude to Syria and Iran fuels hostage-deal rumour

From Richard Owen, Bonn

Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, yesterday publicly thanked Syrian and Iranian leaders for their "efforts leading to the release" of Herr Alfred Schmidt, Herr Schmidt, a Siemens engineer, had been held hostage in Lebanon by Shia kidnappers for nearly eight months until he was freed on Monday.

But Herr Genscher's move fuelled rather than dampened speculation that either the West German Government or Siemens (or both) had struck a political or financial deal in order to free Herr Schmidt.

He was debriefed yesterday by West German intelligence officers just outside Bonn under strict security.

Herr Genscher appealed to Syria and Iran to continue their efforts to obtain the release of the second German kidnapped in January, Herr Rudolf Cordes of the Hoechst chemical company. Herr Genscher sent messages of thanks to President Assad of Syria and Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, the influential Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, as well as to the foreign ministers of both countries.

Herr Schmidt, described as tired but fit, arrived in Bonn on a Luftwaffe Boeing 707 on his way to West Berlin for a reunion with his mother and other relatives. West German officials insisted there was no connection between Herr Schmidt's release and the fate of Muhammad Ali Hamadei, an Arab terrorist implicated in the hijack of a TWA jet in 1985 and the murder of an American navy diver. Ham-

adei was arrested in Frankfurt in January, and the kidnapping of Herr Schmidt and Herr Cordes by pro-Iranian Islamic extremists in a Hezbollah shortly afterwards was a direct response.

In June Bonn announced that Hamadei would not be extradited to America, as Washington had wanted, but would stand trial in West Germany. He has not yet done so. West Germany's refusal to send him to America has reportedly won the approval of Hezbollah, as has what the kidnappers described in a statement as Bonn's neutral stand in the Gulf War.

The release of Herr Schmidt is being linked in Bonn to the Paris - Police have reopened to traffic the Avenue Iena outside the blocked Iranian Embassy (Susan MacDonald writes). Mr Wahid Gerdji, an embassy staff member holed up inside, is wanted for questioning about bombings.

general improvement in relations between West Germany and Syria. There have been rumours about Herr Schmidt's fate since August 25 when his kidnappers released a video recording in which the engineer, in a statement obviously written for him by Hezbollah, urged Bonn to "study the Hamadei case in earnest in order to bring about our swift release". Intensive diplomatic contacts involving Bonn, Damascus and Tehran followed.

A spokesman for Siemens yesterday denied reports in the German press that a

ransom of \$5 million (£3 million) had been paid. He said the firm had "paid no money" to the kidnappers.

Observers see the only clear clue to what is going on in the murky manoeuvrings of Middle East kidnapping as the recent change in EEC - and especially West German - policy towards Syria, which is evidently encouraging Damascus to be more helpful in putting pressure on terrorists.

EEC diplomatic sanctions against Syria over its alleged involvement in terrorism including the attempted blowing up of an El Al jet at Heathrow - were softened in June, and Bonn has led the way for this rapprochement with Damascus, restoring its ambassador to Syria and unblocking \$40 million of economic aid.

The kidnappers' statement referred to "guarantees given and promises made" by Bonn, and said West Germany must now "shoulder its responsibilities". This is seen as a hint that Herr Cordes's release may depend on further concessions, possibly in a hidden deal. West German officials continued to deny yesterday, however, that any bargain had been struck. *Die Welt* yesterday reported that Herr Cordes was being held in the Bekaa Valley, but pointed out that unlike the case of Herr Schmidt no evidence had been produced to show that Herr Cordes was still alive.

Leading articles in German newspapers said that Bonn had achieved only a partial success and that Hezbollah should release all its hostages

Prisoner-swap boost for Pretoria

Botha reaps diplomacy kudos

From Nicholas Beeson, Johannesburg

South Africa's Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, has enhanced his political strength at home and his diplomatic reputation abroad by masterminding an exchange of 136 prisoners in Mozambique.

Commenting on the prisoner exchange, Mr Botha said in Parliament in Cape Town yesterday: "There is a parallel for South Africa internally in that all the parties to yesterday's agreement - France, Angola, South Africa, Unita (the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) and Ciskei - felt a package had been made up from which they each gained." He added that the lesson for South Africa was that there had to be a "balance of interests" for all the country's communities.

The photograph of Mr Botha leading a trail South African prisoner of war and national hero to freedom at Maputo airport on Monday night dominated the country's media yesterday.

"The prisoner exchange was a badly needed shot in the arm for South Africa and has had a decisive effect on the country's morale," Professor Mike Hough of the University of Pretoria, a foreign affairs expert said.

His view was shared by most of the South African press, with *Business Day* urging President Botha to use his Foreign Minister's negotiating talents more widely. "The Foreign Minister understands very well the mechanisms to open negotiations, to establish good faith, to define attainable objectives and to call in third parties to help eliminate obstacles," the paper's editorial said.

The message will not be lost on President Botha who, according to political sources, has never forgiven his Foreign Minister for predicting in 1986 that South Africa would one day have a black president.

Although accepting that the prisoner exchange would not radically alter the tensions in southern Africa, observers said yesterday that Mr Pik Botha had illustrated that negotiations, even with arch rivals like Angola, could be productive.

In particular, the release of



Major Wynand du Toit, with President Botha listening, thanking the South African Government in Cape Town yesterday for securing his release from the Angolans.

a soldier in the South African Defence Force will have gone some way towards bridging the gap between the military and the diplomats.

The simultaneous release of a Dutch fugitive and a French prisoner from South Africa is also likely to improve Pretoria's standing in the West. "South Africa has done something for France and The Netherlands, and there will be probably be some *quid pro quo* to deliver in return, especially from

Chirac (the French Prime Minister)," Mr Dion Fourie, a foreign policy specialist at the University of South Africa, said.

He added that, in South Africa, the public had responded to the successful outcome of weeks of secret negotiations by assessing Mr Botha as a "man who knows how to do his job". Mr Botha, who has the reputation of being an ambitious politician, has already begun to accumulate a following in the

governing National Party and is heavily predicted by pundits to make a bid for the presidency in the 1989 elections.

● AMSTERDAM: Mr Klaas de Jonge, who was released from South Africa in the prisoner swap, admitted yesterday that he had smuggled weapons and explosives for South African guerrillas (Reuter reports).

"Yes, I have smuggled weapons and explosives - but how and what is a story I will tell later," he said.

Raiders snatch £2m in jewels

Rome - Jewel thieves rammed a security van and made off with £2 million of precious stones on the so-called "Sun North South Highway" from Vincenza (Roger Boyes writes).

Shortly after passing Bologna, the armour-plated security van was rammed by one car and ten masked men spilled out of two other vehicles.

Pit strike

Sydney (Reuter) - Australia's 30,000 coalminers, angered at sackings and fearing widespread redundancies, will strike for a week from tonight.

Five executed

Tyre, Lebanon (Reuter) - The Shia Muslim Amal militia executed five men for their alleged role in the killing of a Lebanese Army officer.

Fiji warning

Suva (Reuter) - Fiji's Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, said he might appoint a caretaker government if the regime deposed in a coup in May refuses to join political peace talks.

Leader quits

Ankara (AP) - Husamettin Cindoruk, chairman of the True Path Party, has resigned to open the way for the official leadership of the former Prime Minister, Suleyman Demirel.

Exiles move

Geneva (AFP) - Thirteen Zairean opposition movements have set up a government-in-exile, Leonard Mulopo of the Congolese Democratic and Socialist Party said here.

Chief jailed

Hanoi (AFP) - The commander in chief of Haiphong, Vietnam's largest port, has been jailed for 20 years for illegal trading in imported consumer goods.

Hundreds up

Tokyo (Reuter) The number of Japanese aged 100 or older is expected to hit a record 2,271 this month, up some 420 from last year.

Lebanon split between Amal and Hezbollah grows wider

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

The division between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) movement and the Shia Muslim Amal militia - led by Mr Nabih Berri and supported by Syria - has grown wider in the aftermath of a brief but fierce battle between gunmen of both sides in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh.

Mr Berri, the only one of Syria's allies in Lebanon to have a wide popular following, has further exacerbated relations with the Iranians by his outspoken criticism of Ayatollah Khomeini and the regime in Tehran.

Since Amal are Syria's proxies in Lebanon - and since Syrian-Iranian relations have such important consequences for the foreign hostages held here - the widening rift between Amal and the Hezbollah has more than local significance. Mr Berri's mocking condemnation of the mullahs in Iran - he suggested that they thought they owned their religion - and his criticism of Ayatollah Khomeini for maintaining relations with Libya are believed to have had prior Syrian approval.

Mr Berri's harsh comments about the Iranians are now regarded by many of his supporters as a mistake but Amal now seems set on a collision course with the Hezbollah in southern Lebanon and perhaps in Beirut as well. The Amal leaders' proposal to exchange a captured Israeli pilot for Lebanese Shia prisoners in the Khiam jail in southern Lebanon controlled by Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army militia could not have been made without Syria's consent.

Nor could his plan for peace with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) have been accepted without Syrian influence.

Indeed, some of Mr Berri's officials say that Syria invoked the help of the Soviet Union to persuade the PLO to accept Amal's demand for a withdrawal of Palestinians from PLO positions outside Sidon.

Amal meanwhile has tried to strengthen its own prestige in the southern Lebanese city of Tyre by imposing harsh punishments on lawbreakers. Five men - three Palestinians and two Lebanese Sunni Muslims - were put before a firing squad yesterday for allegedly killing six people, including a Christian clergyman and a Lebanese Army captain. Amal later said, without further explanation, that the five men had been trying "to implement (Yassir) Arafat's plans against the south (of Lebanon) and its people."

In west Beirut, Mr Berri's writ runs a good deal less impressively, especially in the southern suburbs where most

of the foreign hostages are held. Amal maintains offices in the suburbs but is hopelessly outnumbered by the Hezbollah. Furthermore, Amal's head of intelligence in the suburbs, Mr Mustafa Dirani is opposed to Mr Berri and has often criticized the Amal leader for allowing "gangsters" - to use his own uncharitable description - to occupy high places in the militia.

Mr Dirani has subsequently begun to coordinate with the Iranians and to view his job along Islamic rather than nationalistic lines.

In other words, he will in no way offend the Hezbollah or the Iranians. The Syrians, who do not want to commit thousands of troops to a violent occupation of the suburbs, hope that Amal will eventually take control of the area, even freeing the hostages.

Direct Syrian measures against the Hezbollah in Beirut remain few and far between. They still allow free passage to armed Hezbollah men on a road running between the suburbs and the Iranian embassy in Bir Hassan, an area nominally under Syrian control.

In June, two days after Mr Charles Glass, the American journalist, and Mr Ali Ouseiran, the son of the Lebanese Defence Minister, were kidnapped, the Syrians set up military checkpoints on the embassy road and closed it to pro-Iranian militiamen. When Mr Ouseiran was later released, however - and when Mr Glass was still being held captive - they withdrew their soldiers.



Mr Nabih Berri: Outspoken criticism of Ayatollah

Russian oil delivery averts imminent fuel crisis in Nicaragua

From David Gollob, Managua

The Soviet Union has agreed to rescue Nicaragua from an imminent fuel crisis, with an additional shipment of 100,000 tonnes of crude oil. President Ortega has said. The announcement came after his meeting here on Monday with Mr Vadim Zagladin, a special envoy of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader.

Señor Ortega also announced that he would accept an invitation from Mr Gorbachev to attend the 70th anniversary celebrations of the October Revolution in Moscow, a visit that is likely to spark controversy at a critical moment in the Central American peace process, initiated in Guatemala a month ago.

Since Venezuela and Mexico cut oil supplies to Nicaragua in 1985 and 1986 respectively, owing to Nicaragua's failure to pay debts of hundreds of millions of dollars, the Soviet Union has been the country's principal supplier. However, Moscow cut back on shipments this

year, for reasons that have never been fully explained, triggering a fuel shortage that would have seen Nicaragua run out of oil by mid-autumn. But, according to one Western diplomat here, whatever Moscow's purposes, "it is not prepared to leave the Sandinistas high and dry".

To reduce consumption, the Nicaraguan Government has increased petrol prices by more than 500 per cent since June, and has recently stepped up rationing. Petrol remains heavily subsidised and extremely cheap. However, within the context of Nicaragua's war economy, burdened by subsidies, shortages and mismanagement, the five-fold increase has set inflation soaring.

The emergency Soviet shipment represents roughly one-seventh of the country's annual consumption. "That is a shortfall of 55,000 tonnes," President Ortega admitted, adding that "once again we will call on petroleum-producing countries" for aid.

Kremlin turns a new leaf in relations with Israel

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The screen of the Israeli computer flickered with a Hebrew teaching programme, the shelves were crammed with Hebrew books and two television sets showed videos of life in the Holy Land while the milling crowds of Soviet Jews tapped their feet to the patriotic Israeli soundtrack.

Yesterday's unprecedented scene at the opening of the sixth Moscow international book fair, at which Israel has been permitted one of the largest stands and visas for a delegation of 30, was the most colourful and convincing example yet of the recent gradual thaw in Soviet-Israeli relations.

"There have been many signs of a new Soviet attitude," explained Mr Avraham Tirosh, a member of the Israeli Export Institute. "This year we were permitted 30 visas instead of eight, which was the maximum we have been allowed for the fair before. Also there was no objection that four of our team are themselves Soviet émigrés."

In addition to the size of the Israeli delegation and the much greater exhibition space permitted to it than on its last appearance in 1985, a greater leniency was displayed by the Soviet authorities about the Israeli books permitted for display (this time only 20 titles out of 7,000 were impounded, including some Russian-language books about Jewish holidays).

Within minutes of the fair opening inside Moscow's giant Exhibition of Economic Achievements, a long queue had formed outside the stand run by Israel, one of 103 countries represented.

"People come here with their personal problems about emigration and so on, as well as just wanting to talk about books," an exhibitor from Tel Aviv said.

Among those gathered inside the stand poring enthusiastically over an exhibition of coffee-table books containing large colour photographs of Jerusalem was Mr Lev Sud, aged 31, a classical pianist who, with Mr Iosif Begun and a group of other prominent refuseniks, was suddenly informed this week that he could leave for Israel.

Senior diplomatic sources are convinced that the exit permits and the favourable treatment given to the delegation of Israeli publishers - which is accompanied by two journalists from Tel Aviv - is a deliberate gesture by the Kremlin, which broke diplomatic ties with the Jewish state during the 1967 Middle East war.

Compared with the normally clandestine atmosphere in which Soviet Jews meet their Western contacts, the atmosphere in the crowded Israeli stand was electric and remarkably open. One 19-year-old Jewish student stood gazing transfixed at the He-

brew by computer lesson being demonstrated as the centrepiece of the exhibit.

"It is hard to believe that it was even allowed into the country as the Soviet authorities try to discourage the learning of Hebrew," the student said. "The real test will come when anyone tries to import something like that ordered here, after the delegation has gone."

Mr Zmora Ohad from Tel Aviv, director of one of the biggest of the 70 Israeli publishing houses represented at the fair, told *The Times*: "The attitude towards the granting of visas - which we got in Vienna - and the bringing in of books has been much more relaxed than before. It must be something to do with glasnost."

One of the youngest members of the Israeli delegation was Miss Judet Kalik, aged 22, a Russian-Hebrew translator in a jaunty, peaked tweed cap who was last in the Soviet Union 16 years ago at the age of six when she emigrated with her father, Mr Mikhail Kalik, a well-known Jewish film director.

Now a student at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, Miss Kalik earlier in the week had an emotional reunion with her Jewish grandmother, who remained behind in Moscow with her Russian husband and who had not seen members of the family who left for Israel since 1971.

Jewish group says anti-Semitic incidents in Europe decreasing

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The number of anti-Semitic incidents in Europe in the past year has decreased, but European Jews are being urged to remain alert and to join forces with non-Jews in combating racism and xenophobia.

That position was upheld in a resolution passed on Monday in Athens at the annual meeting of the European Jewish Congress, an organization grouping the Jewish communities of European countries, both East and West.

Did this suggest anti-Semitism was on the decline in Europe? According to Mr Serge Cwigenbaum, secretary general of the congress, experts have reported "a resurgence of anti-Semitism but, paradoxically, a decrease in anti-Semitic incidents".

The resolution said: "The meeting reaffirms the view of the Jewish community of

Europe that racism and discrimination are indivisible and that violation of human rights of non-Jews represents a threat also to Jews." The resolution urged European governments to coordinate action against terrorism and to consult groups particularly vulnerable to terrorism.

It also supported the peace process in the Middle East, called for the free emigration of Soviet Jews and expressed its "disquiet" at the recent setbacks in Catholic-Jewish relations.

The resolution made no mention, however, of the so-called "Waldheim affair" involving the Austrian President, Dr Waldheim, although it was discussed at the meeting. As the congress president, M Theo Klein, explained at a

meeting felt that "there had been enough noise in public".

This discretion, however, seemed to contrast with the attitude of the World Jewish Congress, whose officials came to Athens with a new set of German wartime documents, some allegedly bearing the signature of Lieutenant Waldheim.

● DACHAU: The Israeli Defence Minister, Mr Itzhak Rabin, warned against the re-birth of anti-Semitic fascism during a speech at the site of former Nazi concentration camp here yesterday (AFP reports).

Speaking by the memorial to the 32,000 people who perished here during the Nazi era, he said there was a new wave of neo-Nazis and the third generation of post-war

Liverpool fans are an acute embarrassment

From Jonathan Brande, Brussels

Conditions in Belgium's most uncomfortable and old-fashioned prisons are, officially, unpleasant but reasonably clean.

Prisoners who telephoned Belgian newspapers at the start of Monday night's riots, however, described the overcrowded St Gilles gaol as "fit for animals". By the end of the riot, much of the massive 19th-century complex was uninhabitable by man or beast.

● At the end of Monday night's riots, St Gilles prison was uninhabitable by man or beast ●

About 300 men have had to be moved to police cells in the basement of the law courts or crowded into rooms with other prisoners. Men who were protesting at being kept three to a cell are now crammed four to cells intended for one man.

The Belgian authorities are clearly in an embarrassing position. On one hand, British lawyers and politicians have whipped up fears over the treatment of the 26 Liverpool football fans facing extradition to Belgium on charges of involuntary manslaughter. On the other, Belgian prisoners kept in grim conditions cannot understand why the Britons are to be given special treatment.

The football fans are consistently described as "hooligans" in the Bel-

gian media, despite the fact that they have not yet been found guilty of being responsible for the deaths of 39 people during the riot at the Heysel Stadium in Brussels.

One prisoner screamed to the cameras: "The hooligans are being treated like kings, while we are treated like dogs."

M Jean Gol, the Justice Minister, cannot allow the British fans to be kept in uncivilized conditions. But he must also deny that they have been singled out for three-star treatment.

The truth is that the fans have been given some of the best cells in any Belgian jail. Each man in the Louvain wing will have about double the space set aside for one man in purpose-built cells elsewhere. Each cell has running water and a flush toilet. A bedroom and a day area are separated from each other by a wall, making of the cells what the head of the prison service, M Julien de Ridder, recently described as "little apartments".

Not surprisingly, television pictures of these well-appointed cells provoked anger and unrest among men living in squalid 19th-century accommodation, but the cells were not modernized especially for the British fans. They were re-plumbed and furnished in the early 1980s as part of Belgium's slow but relatively ambitious prison modernization programme.

Of Belgium's 30-odd penitentiaries, each housing between 50 and 860

prisoners, the Brussels prisons at Forest and St Gilles, where the violence erupted this week, are among the least luxurious.

Built back-to-back on the border between two south Brussels boroughs, both jails house more than 500 men in imposing castle-like structures.

There were 532 prisoners in St Gilles before the fires that destroyed

● Prisoners live in cells with no running water or toilets, and get only one bucket of water a day to wash in. ●

much of the building, according to M Gol. Fifty-one were sharing three to a cell, apparently voluntarily.

Prisoners live in cells with no running water or toilets, and claim that they get only one bucket of water a day each to wash in. They say the cells are filthy and the walls are peeling. Officials say the prisoners themselves are responsible for cleaning their cells.

Hundreds of extra cells are needed around the country if the problem of sharing three men to a cell is to be eliminated completely. And the country's multi-million pound prison modernization programme is so slow that one prison official said it would take at least 15 years to put a toilet in every cell at the current rate of

progress. And he pointed out that the installation of new showers and wash-basins at St Gilles had been at the expense of cell-space - marginally exacerbating the overcrowding there.

Meanwhile, according to M Andre Demoulin, the official prison service spokesman, efforts are being made to reduce the shortage of prison warders through a recruitment programme.

He said it was absurd that two floors of the prison wing at Louvain must remain closed because, as the director of prisons, M Johan Vermeysse, claimed, there were not enough warders to police them effectively.

M Demoulin said there were about 6,900 prisoners in Belgian jails at a time. Detention periods ranged from five days to more than 20 years. Over the course of a year, about 21,000 people would spend some time in prison, either on remand or serving a sentence.

He said that first offenders were generally released conditionally after serving about a third of their term, while "old lags" served about two-thirds of their sentences. But many of those who rotated this week were almost certain to lose some parole for their misbehaviour.

The picture for the inmates of Belgium's most old-fashioned prisons remains a depressing one. And the television pictures of the Louvain cells have simply highlighted the grim conditions in which they are housed.

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'Educational choice used to be regarded as heretical. Now it is the conventional wisdom'

It has been an unusual spectacle, and a heartening one. In the last few days in some of the most deprived urban centres in America, queues have been forming outside schools. Parents who might normally demonstrate only a deadening apathy towards education have been sleeping on pavements anxious to ensure that when the high schools reopened yesterday their children had a place at one of the best. Magnet schools, as their name implies, have been drawing a nation back to the classroom. Later this month, they will draw Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, to the United States to see how it is done.

In a country that has seen a terrifying drop in standards, soaring illiteracy and a once-proud school system brought low by violence, racial tensions, and demoralization, magnet schools are one of the few educational experiments in the past 20 years to have succeeded.

Enthusiastic officials and parents see them as the way ahead. The Department of Education is trumpeting the results; local authorities are pouring in money, and the judges, long despairing of harmony in the battles over court-ordered bussing, are hailing the one solution to racial integration supported by both blacks and whites.

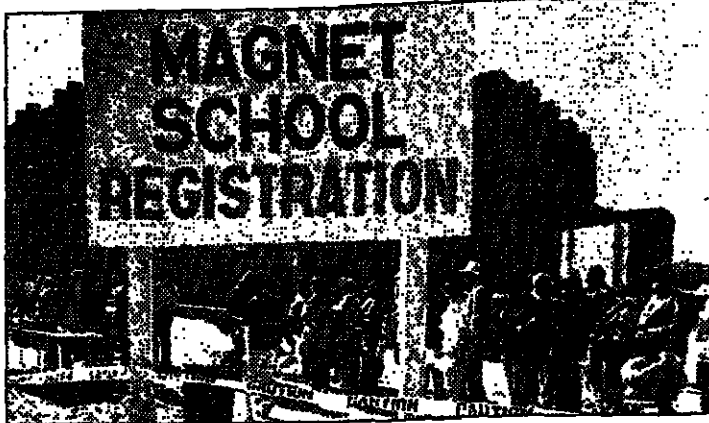
Like Mr Baker's proposed city technology colleges, magnet schools are enriched "model" schools drawing their intake from beyond their neighbourhood areas and offering an ambitious curriculum. So far there are about 1,000 scattered among 138 local authori-

In the aftermath of the school boycott

by Dewsbury parents,

Michael Binyon

reports from the United States on an education success story that has caught Kenneth Baker's eye



America's magnetic attraction: parents queue to enrol their children

ties but concentrated especially in the inner cities.

They are unashamedly competitive and even old-fashioned in outlook (some have even introduced uniforms). They are better equipped and funded than the surrounding schools, have a lower teacher-pupil ratio, attract better teachers and are oriented towards exams, jobs and success. Like the old grammar schools in Britain, they can be seen as elitist. But in deprived areas they have generated remarkable enthusiasm, especially among the poor and minorities. They have reversed "white flight" to the suburbs, bringing about integration by choice.

The experiment has succeeded because it has brought together powerful allies. One of the most important is William Bennett, the dynamic US Secretary of Education. He regards schools as the spearhead of a revolution to

introduce choice and competition into American education.

Like Baker, with whom he has already established a personal rapport, Bennett, a former academic, insists that education must be returned to the consumers — the parents and pupils. He has not been afraid to challenge the educational establishment, pushing for a voucher system, calling for tax concessions to make private schools competitive with the public sector, pounding out the need for a core curriculum. He often rolls up his sleeves, goes into inner-city classrooms and does a stint of teaching himself.

Some of his ideas have not caught on. The notion of tax relief for those sending children to private schools was bitterly criticized as benefiting mainly the rich and has been quietly dropped. The voucher system has also remained only in the experimental stage — mainly because the federal

government has no power to enforce it. Education is the responsibility of America's 50 states, and local control is jealously guarded. Only experimental programmes such as remedial education (known as Chapter 1) are federally funded, though 36 of the magnet schools also come under direct control in this category.

Bennett, in 1985, proposed giving each Chapter 1 parent a \$600 voucher, to be used at public or private schools, for extra tuition. But Congress — which votes the money — turned down the idea. Bennett, however, has not given up the attempt, and not just for remedial education. He argues — as have the voucher's proponents in Britain — that it is actually more egalitarian: at present only the middle-classes can choose their schools, moving house if they

dislike the neighbourhood school, or withdrawing to the private sector. The inner-city poor have no such choice. Blacks and other minorities know this well.

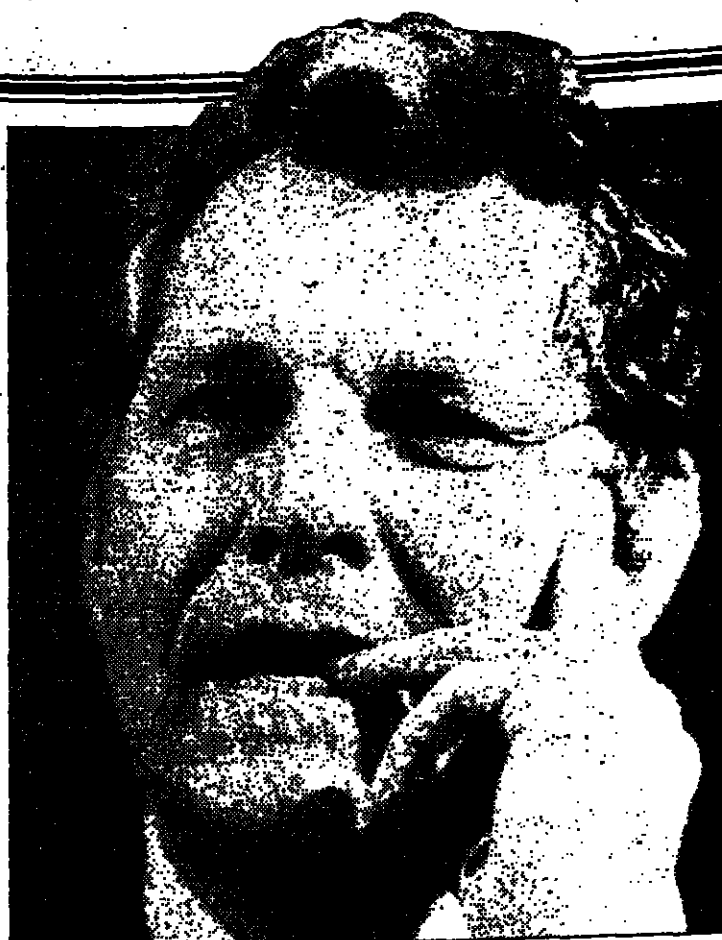
In a 1985 Gallup poll, 59 per cent of non-whites, compared with 43 per cent of whites, favoured vouchers. Proponents want local authorities to require public schools to compete for students and to cover their costs with tuition revenue.

"When I started to talk about choice a couple of years ago," Bennett says, "it was still regarded as something heretical. Now it seems to be the conventional wisdom."

Critics such as Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts ask sceptically: "What happens to the kids who are left behind?" In Britain, the same arguments are developing over Baker's plan to allow certain schools to opt out of local authority control.

But magnet schools win praise for their curriculum strengths. Some concentrate on the sciences, others on the humanities, performing arts or business courses. Some reintroduce options that were disappearing from American classrooms as rapidly as they have from British ones — foreign languages and even Latin.

This is what attracts white pupils to schools in predominantly black areas, if it means a better education, and what gives blacks a chance to compete with the best suburban white schools. Integration becomes a by-product of choice. The lesson will not be lost on Baker in the aftermath of Dewsbury.



Spearheading the revolution: Education Secretary William Bennett

In America now the concern is not egalitarianism but the re-establishment of excellence. Yet despite oversubscription, magnet schools try to avoid becoming wholly selective — either by taking pupils on a first-come, first-registered basis (hence the queues) or by reserving a quota for those below average ability.

Nevertheless, when some of the most famous magnet schools in New York — which has boasted at least six for many years — tried to increase the random intake at the expense of the above-average ability, there was an outcry. Even minority parents do not want to

see the famous magnet school in South Bronx threatened.

The schools' success has been their own greatest advertisement: the teaching unions are being won over. Congress has voted \$75 million a year to help the 36 federally funded schools, and more and more big cities will be designating magnet schools of their own. No wonder there is a lively interest here in what Mrs Thatcher and Kenneth Baker are now proposing for Britain. No wonder the Reagan legacy in education looks like one of the administration's more lasting achievements.

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Moving story of a £1 dream home

Ian Bailey fell in love with a forgotten Tudor farmhouse and spent 12 years taking it apart and putting it together again

Ian Bailey has just finished moving house. It took him 12 years, but this is not one of those horror stories about gazumpers and broken "chains". It is the remarkable story of how Bailey bought a 16th century farmhouse for £1 and moved it, stone by stone, beam by beam, 16 miles across country.

In 1974, Bailey's mother noticed an old black and white former yeoman's house nestling behind trees on the outskirts of Stoke-on-Trent. A bulldozer loomed menacingly. "Mum knew I had always been interested in historic buildings and casually men-

tioned it that night. Something — I don't know what — fired my attention. I went out to the spot next day," Bailey says.

At the time he was a desk-bound penpusher in London. The sight that greeted him when he saw the house made his heart race — and turned him in to an all-purpose builder. Behind the trees and undergrowth lay Brookhouse Farm, and the bulldozer was already at work on one of the two porches built by farmer William Allen to grace his family home in about 1580.

The owner told Bailey that he "couldn't care less because he'd built a new bungalow

nearby. I had to think quickly and all I could come up with was the offer of a peppercorn payment of £1 to take the place off his hands," he says. "I was cheeky but it worked. He said if I moved it, it was mine."

Bailey had stumbled on a farmhouse that both time and officialdom had forgotten. It would be unthinkable now to demolish such a classic "four box" Elizabethan timbered house. But in the mid-1970s, boundary and local authority changes had contrived to pass by Brookhouse. It did not, in any practical sense, exist. Bailey had saved William Allen's personal masterpiece. Now came the hard part.

His parents lived in the village of Knighton, near Market Drayton, 15 miles away. Bailey had been fascinated by stories that Winston Churchill's private train had once sheltered in the deep cutting at Knighton from enemy bombers. The site was for sale and he bought it. It is now Brookhouse Farm's garden.

At first Bailey, now 39, worked at weekends, pulling down the house, numbering and coding each piece and transporting them with a borrowed lorry or in his Morris Minor estate car, itself appropriately of the "half timbered" variety. After a few months he gave up his job to work full time on the renaissance of Brookhouse Farm, funded solely by his Chinese-born wife Su-Ning's earnings as a ceramics historian.

"I knew little when I began but I learned as I went. It's surprising what you can do if you have to and what tips you pick up to save money... It was as if I was taking a giant jigsaw to pieces, piling them up, and putting them together again."

'He said if I moved it, it was mine'

With Brookhouse Farm reduced to piles of catalogued sections and with planning permission in order, Bailey dug the first sod for his cellar, lined now as it was first time around with "borrowed" stones. "Old William," he explains, had helped himself to blocks from the ruins of a local abbey.

Bailey has found an inventory of 1589 recording that "my mate William" and his children shared the squalid floor of the house with "12 olde sheepe, 2 hogges and 6 hens". Today's lay-out is more comfortable: the original beams nudge up to an impressive array of gadgetry in the kitchen-diner which leads to a lounge and study and what was a junk store at the top of house has been transformed into the master bedroom.

The task has cost £20,000, but the Baileys and their six-year-old daughter, Alex, have a house worth about £110,000 and will never need a mortgage. Nor do they have any plans to move house again.

Donald Higgs

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At home at Brookhouse Farm: housemover Ian Bailey with daughter Alex and wife Su-Ning

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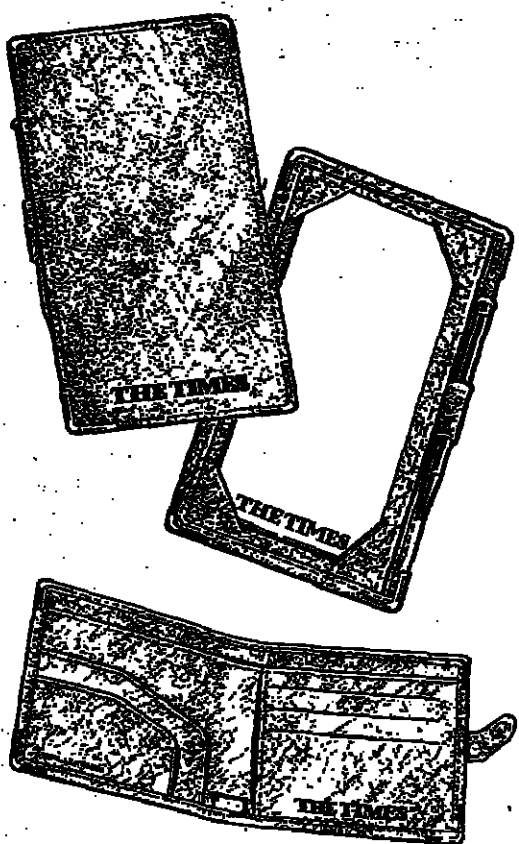
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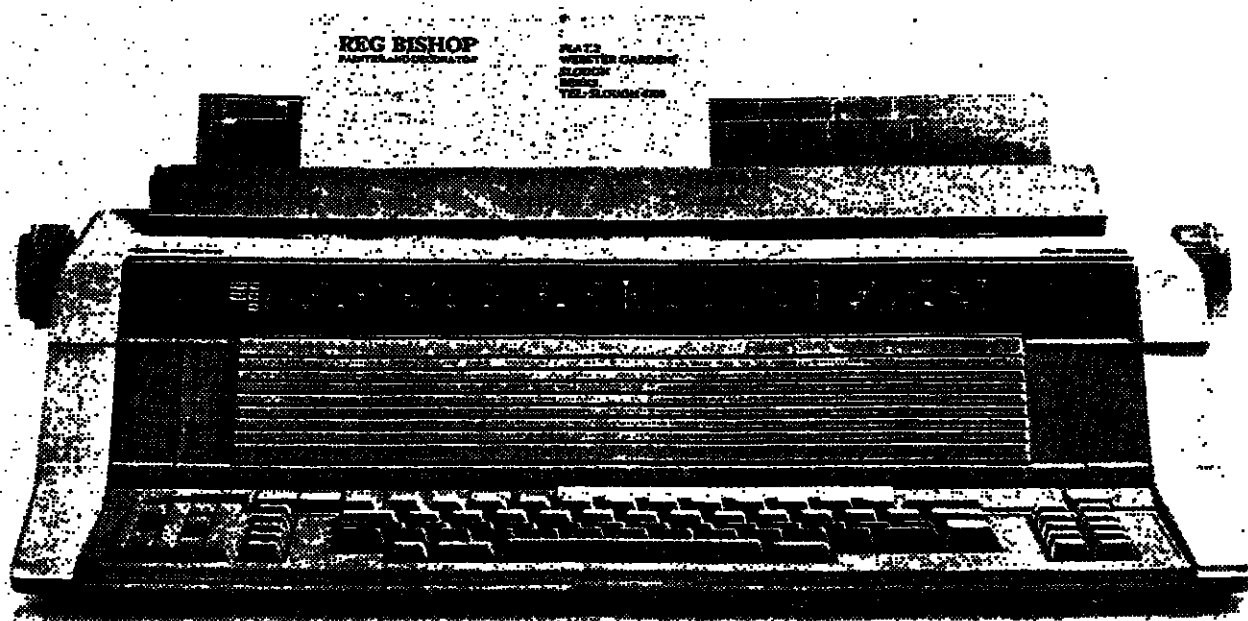
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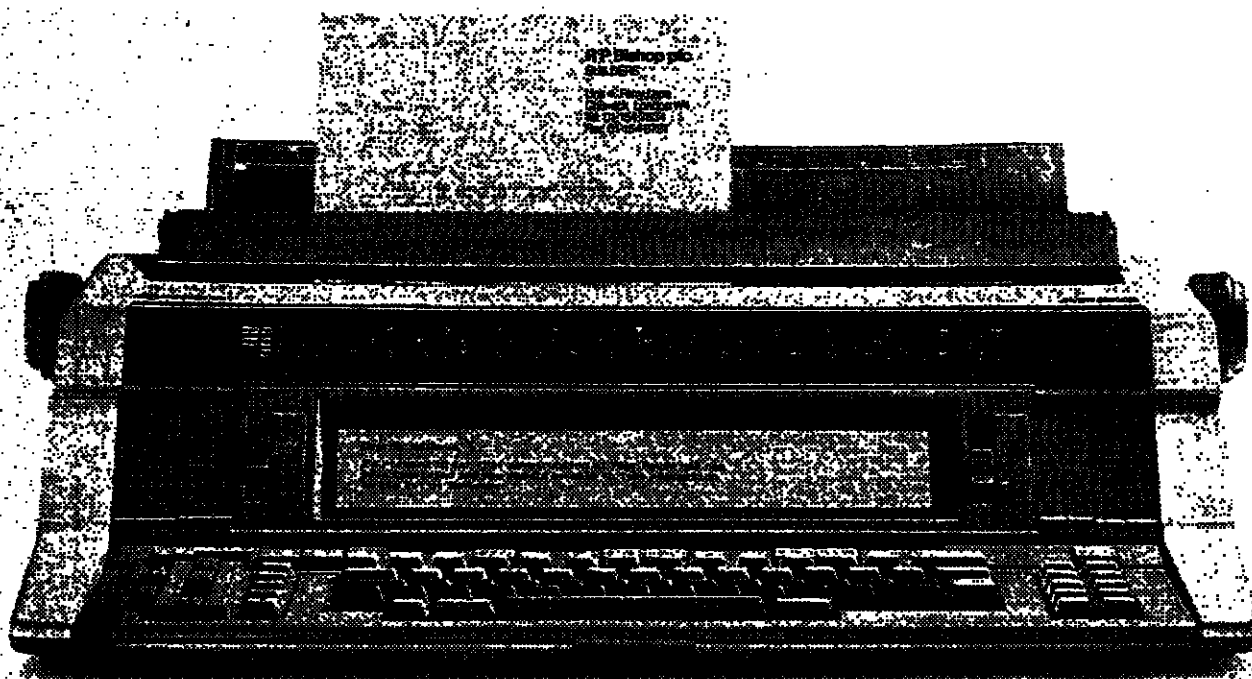


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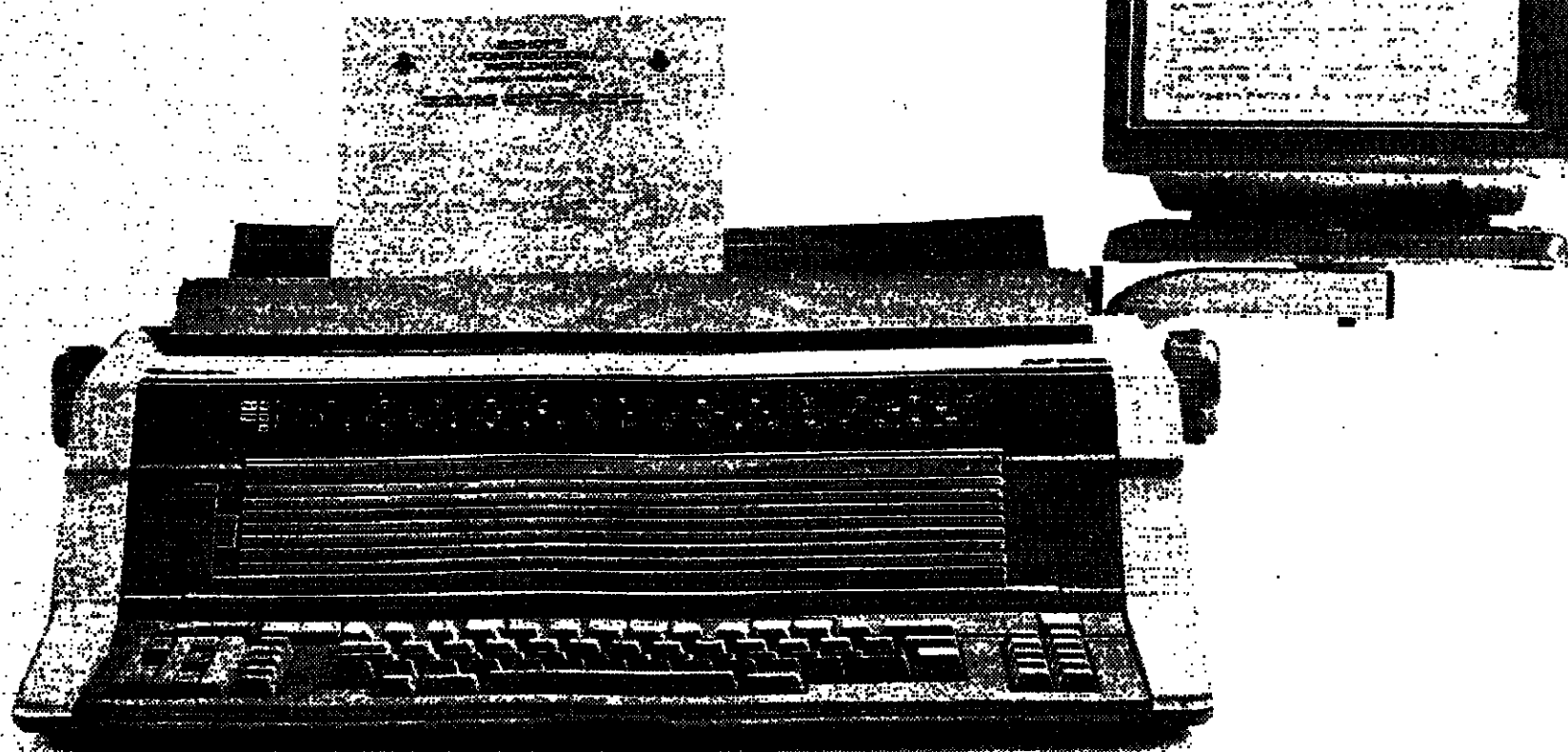


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Ideological reservations

The Labour Party may be forced to cancel its hotel bookings for the Brighton conference later this month. Having rejected its usual hotel — the Grand, on grounds of cost — it has now discovered that the Ramada, which was able to offer a much cheaper package, is not fully unionized. The hotel was booked when the hotel, which opened in July, failed to complete the form sent by Waltham Road asking if it had a recognition agreement with the hotel and catering section of the General and Municipal union. Now Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, has sent an urgent letter to Ramada International asking it to clarify the situation. Sally Patrick, the hotel's marketing manager, told me a GMW representative spoke to staff last month, but that only "a handful" of the 150 workers had shown any interest in joining. Meanwhile, local hoteliers are rubbing their hands in anticipation, if recognition is not granted and Labour is forced to move elsewhere.

Off the premises

Neil Kinnock, who last night joined union leaders, retired brothers and fraternal delegates for dinner at the TUC's conference in Blackpool, will have left by the time Congress discusses the Labour-TUC liaison committee report today. The discussion, however, is likely to last only a few moments. The report is dominated by a joint union-Labour statement committing both sides to a new industrial strategy to revive the economy — dependent on there being a Labour government. Signed and sealed in March under the title *Work to Win*, the document has, in the months since June, been robbed of more than a little of its potency.

Air attack

The debate about whether it is healthier to sleep with windows open or closed has been settled by the Labour MP Bryan Gould, who survived a dose of carbon monoxide poisoning at the weekend because of his predilection for fresh air. He and his wife Gillian woke up with sickening headaches when fumes filled the bedroom in their Oxfordshire home, forcing him to cancel an appearance at a fringe TUC meeting in Blackpool on Monday. The culprit was a new coal fire which had not been properly fitted. Ironically, Gould became an expert on the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning when, as a television reporter, he made a programme about deaths in Portugal from the gas produced by faulty water heaters.

Retiring TUC president Fred Jarvis is a disappointed man. The fanatic West Ham supporter had hoped to leave his mark on the '87 Congress by ordering badges to mark the occasion, emblazoned in the Hammers' claret and light blue. When the order was unpacked, they tumbled from the box in glorious scarlet and navy. I suppose he could always switch his allegiance to Barcelona.

Urban war

Citizens — the astonishingly bland title of Radio 4's new soap opera — was not the choice of its production team. They had been agonizing for months in afternoon-long title meetings. The produced pages of possibilities, the most bizarre of which was *Mind the Gap*, explanations for which are obvious to rail travellers. Finally, the Head of Radio Drama put his foot down and demanded *Citizens*. The *Archers* team is reportedly unalarmed.

BARRY FANTONI



Low trick

The Dublin criminal fraternity has pulled off a cunning ploy which takes advantage of the country's religious zeal. It has stung the Revenue Commission, which collects income tax from the self-employed, for £130,000. A gang got into the office and using typewriter correction fluid altered incoming cheques payable to the Commission, putting in the name of the charitable-sounding Collector Rev Commissioner. To be paid into bogus accounts all over the city. Banks which passed the cheques, and Revenue Commission officials, are understandably keeping mum about the affair while the Garda try to nail the gang.

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Why Jesse Jackson won't fly

Peter Brimelow finds the black candidate's chances have been greatly over-estimated

Could Jesse Jackson win the presidency of the United States? This is an interesting theoretical issue of somewhat the same order as the proposition that pigs might fly. The short answer is (as the natives say here) "You have to be joking." A flying pig is not a logical impossibility in America — it is not inherently impossible to visualize. But this particular pig is not going to fly, and it may be about to give the Democratic Party, and some media reputations, a rough landing.

There are several reasons why Jackson's candidacy, announced on Monday, is enjoying a flurry of attention. Most important, recent polls show him leading the race to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, supported by as many as 26 per cent of Democrats who have made up their minds (28 per cent said they had not). There are rumours that he might actually win the multi-state "Super Tuesday" primaries, put together by southern Democrats under the mistaken impression that it might strengthen moderates in the party. But this support is a statistical freak. Jackson is overwhelmingly the choice of blacks, 11 per cent of America's population, and blacks are overwhelmingly Democrats and disproportionately southern. Their impact on the primaries is thus maximized at exactly the point when the white Democrats are most divided, since after the withdrawal of Gary Hart the other candidates are a group of relative unknowns. However, to go further Jackson would have to appeal to substantial numbers of whites as well. There is no real sign that he can make the transition.

Some observers will dispute this. A flood of recent news stories

have focused on the relatively friendly reception Jackson has received in all-white rural areas in the Midwest, particularly Iowa, where an important early test is held. Jackson has appeared on television wearing one of the funny caps American farmers favour, gravely chatting to a representative sample about the trials of raising pigs (known here as hogs).

All such stories can be greeted with boos of derision. Journalists from New York find Midwest farmers almost as alien as Jackson, and are surprised that they appear civilized at all. Moreover, self-deception is an occupational disease of politicians and pundits. And the Democrats and their allies in the media have every incentive to wish their horrible Jackson problem away.

Jackson appears likely to repeat on a national level the drama that has occurred in city politics throughout America. The capture of local Democratic machines by blacks and the election of black mayors has everywhere dramatically accelerated the breakup of the "Roosevelt coalition" — the alliance of white working class, liberals and minorities that has dominated politics since the depression.

This is not simply a question of prejudice, but of radically different values between American whites and blacks. Jackson, for example, is outspokenly in favour of racial quotas and has said that white-collar crime on Wall Street is a worse problem than mugging. Ordinary whites find both positions ludicrous.



Jackson: a very long way from the White House

Moreover, Jackson is not merely a black, but a left-wing black. His economic ideas are basically socialist, his foreign policy impulses are invariably anti-American and in his entourage are some individuals long associated with assorted communist causes. Jackson, however, cannot count upon the wholehearted support of the American left, a small but vociferous faction. Many American left-wingers are Jewish, and they are disturbed not merely by his outright support for the Palestine Liberation Organization, but by such incidents as his referring to New York as "Hymietown" and his close relationship with the black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan. This raises the spectre of black anti-semitism, a

real if surprising subcurrent in American society.

Of course, no white politician could have survived such slips. Indeed, the general fear of appearing racist and/or McCarthyite has meant that Jackson has been virtually exempt from the usual searing effect of the American primary process. Even his private life is shrouded in a decent pre-Hart obscurity. None of this is likely to remain the case if he comes near the presidency.

Jackson will certainly go into the convention with a substantial block of delegates. At one time, this might have meant he would at least have had a voice in the selection of the candidate. But such "brokered" conventions no longer occur as primary votes have replaced the selection of delegates by local machines. And to make even symbolic concessions to Jackson will risk alienating important groups. Jackson is not merely a cross the Democrats have to bear, but one to which they may very well be nailed.

Which is not to say that a different black person could not be elected president. White and black Americans have fairly low opinions of each other, but usually for specific reasons. All classes of people generally prefer their own, but there are circumstances under which they will elect a non-representative leader. In 1982, California voters told pollsters they were more prejudiced against Armenians than against blacks, even though they couldn't explain what an Armenian was. But they elected one anyway.

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Woodrow Wyatt

Sleep-walking to the grave

The Liberals and the merger majority of the SDP have blown it, possibly for ever, but certainly for the next election. Support for the Alliance was never deep-rooted; the attraction was that they seemed a bunch of nice guys, new, open and youthful, almost naive in their perception of politics. Their charm was that they were not devious, cynical, malicious and scheming for personal ends, like politicians in the parties forming the alternate governments since the war.

No one will believe again that the modern Liberals and the promoter element of the SDP are jolly boy scouts and girl guides discussing what is best for the nation as they sit matily round the camp fire. The Labour Party has done better, in its worst days, at partially obscuring its internecine warfare. Voters with a tendency to be starry-eyed will mournfully conclude that they have to choose between the two main parties and that the idealistic third force has too much mud on its wings to fly.

Dr Owen may not be quite done for, if he can hold a large chunk of the SDP. He is the Alliance politician best equipped to adapt himself to the changed Britain. Eventually he may have a tiny group critical of the Conservatives but prepared to co-operate with them in a hung Parliament. This could give him, though not for a long while, the capacity to begin displacing Labour as the major alternative governing party.

Doubtless the break-up of the SDP and the electoral Alliance of 1983 and 1987 has encouraged the Labour Party. It will be dreaming of a Marxist Utopia again and believing that it can win voters who once seemed Labour's natural supporters and have drifted elsewhere. Labour could revive if it was capable of understanding and embracing the revolution which Mrs Thatcher has wrought. The prospect is not promising so long as Labour officially maintains that Mrs Thatcher won last June by conning the people, whereas the people knew very well what she offered, and wanted it.

In the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies it was generally assumed that the amount of socialism in the system was immutable. Winston Churchill's 1951 government signalled its acceptance that Britain had become semi-socialist and that the Labour Party, backed by the unions, had enough power to keep it so. Still smarting from the unfair charge that when Home Secretary in 1910 he used troops against rioting miners at Tonypandy he told his Minister of Labour, Walter Moncreaf, that he wanted no conflict with union leaders and they should be given more or less what they asked for. The pattern was set for the absurd overestimation of the importance of union leaders which dominated the policies of all governments until 1979, and immensely damaged the British will to prosper.

Ardent socialists complained of

the cosy relationship, dubbed Buskellism, between R.A. Butler and Hugh Gaitskell. Actually, it was the Tory white flag signifying surrender to the socialist ethos. The Tories did not risk denationalization except that of steel, which had not got under way. The Tories continued ludicrously high personal taxation, though they knew it was counter-productive in revenue raising and crippled wealth creation, because they erroneously believed the socialist propaganda that the country thought it just.

Douglas Jay's famous dictum that the man in Whitehall knows best was modified to the proposition that he knows better when there are Tory ministers. The apparatus of state direction and interference was left untouched. When they had the chance, Tories did not repair the damage to education from the destruction of grammar schools. The assumption that the welfare state was fine and that taxpayers' money should be poured out by governments to prop up dying industries and to initiate expensive new schemes doomed to failure, was unchanged.

With the leaders of the two major parties in apparent agreement, it was not surprising that people thought their future was tied to a form of socialist twilight sleep and that nothing could or should be done about it. "There is a lot of ruin in an old country," Harold Macmillan once remarked, meaning that there was still enough family silver which could be sold to meet current needs for decades.

But underneath, the feeling slowly grew that socialist-type governments, whether Conservative or Labour, ought not to be inevitable, because most people are not socialist and never have been. The great majority would prefer something like the Republican and Democratic parties of the United States, where the differences of opinion and action are primarily matters of emphasis, with no basic changes to free enterprise.

There are some in Britain who welcome higher taxes, but they are in a minority. Brainwashed for decades, the British never supposed, until Mrs Thatcher came along, that the shedding of socialism (not yet complete) was possible or that it would not work. Now they have had a taste of a future in which individuals are encouraged to increase their personal wealth to the benefit of all, and they like it.

Any party wishing to displace Mrs Thatcher, or the new radical Conservative Party she has moulded, must realize that the post-war Britain, which limped miserably along until 1979 has vanished. A few union leaders, like those of the electricians and engineers, recognize this. There is no sign that the policy-makers in the Labour Party have grasped that they must abandon socialism and all its atmosphere.

however... Robert Robinson

Life rescued from reality

The day the tree fell on our house a reporter came round to get a couple of paragraphs for the *Evening Standard*. It was six o'clock in the morning, and we were all standing in the street in our dressing gowns. Canon de Zulueta came across from the rectory to give him the full strength.

"Maurice Baring lived in this house," said Zu, looking up at his shattered windows, "and Belloc would come over from Cheyne Walk with Chesterton. They'd all meet there..." and Zu's face took on the distant look I'd first noticed when he told me he had a parishioner who collected photos of the Archbishop of Canterbury and stuck pins in them "...every Friday, regular as clockwork."

I knew he'd made the last bit up, and I knew exactly why he'd made it up. When the man from the *News* arrived, Zu went through it again, and then added, not quite catching my eye: "And they'd end the evening with a singsong."

By this time, the chap from the *Mirror* was on the scene and Zu went over to the other side of the road with him. The giant albatross was lying across the street with its branches through my casements and its roots sticking out of the tarmac. "The seed for that particular tree was brought from Shanghai in the middle of the 19th century," Zu told the man from the *Mirror*, "where they call them Trees of Heaven..." He glanced over at Carlyle's house, a couple of doors down, and his face went out of focus again "...and Carlyle planted it with his own hands."

When the scribes had gone, Zu said anxiously: "I hope they got all they wanted."

"I'm sure they did," I said, "you're not the man to send them away empty-handed."

As I say, I know exactly why he added the extra bits. He was obeying the impulse that lies behind all embroidery — it's a compulsion to make things complete, people embroider because they can't see a loose end without wanting to tat it up into something decorative.

Once upon a time we were setting up a programme about Thomas Hardy and doing some research in a Dorset pub. Chap behind the bar, polishing the glasses, said: "He was often in here when my dad was alive, you know."

Oh, yes," he went on, polishing dutifully, as he selected the colours that seemed suitable for a spontaneous piece of tapestry, "he'd have a few pints, nip out and jolly a village maiden against a five-barred gate, then back in for a few more before closing time."

That stitched up Hardy in much the same way that the students at the local university in the town of Normal, Illinois, managed to weave Dr Johnson and Shakespeare into the one seamless garment. Primarily an engineering college, they laid aside their micrometers to welcome a group of strolling players from Oxford University who were to perform *King Lear* and *The Merchant of Venice*. Dr Johnson and Shakespeare would often meet in the Mermiad tavern, wrote an inspired metallurgist, enthusing about the event in the college magazine, "where Boswell recorded their friendly wrangles for posterity. Well, I remember thinking, they'd got it to within a tolerance of a couple of thou, which is more than I could have done, if I was machining copper."

The Munchausen effect is really a form of courtesy, a desire to pass on nothing that is asymmetrical. But I should like to meet someone who was actually in the BBC van at Aldershot when they recorded RSM Brittain's voice at a distance of five miles. Or any member of those four squads he would drill simultaneously by ear alone, while lying on his bed shaving. And would anyone who was in the warrant-officers' mess that time Brittain marched himself up to the long mirror and confined himself to barracks for parading with an idle bootlace please be in touch with me? I'd appreciate it.

Symmetry is all. As in the tale of my housemaster and his newly married wife who went off to a pub in Wales for a fishing trip. That being the style in Wales in those days, the landlady asked to see their marriage lines. My housemaster blithely handed over the fishing permit, and the two love birds retired. An hour or so later, there was a tap at the door. "If you have not," whispered the landlady, "do not. This is not for it."

The tambour and the coloured threads, we should all be the poorer without them. Believe me.

David Green challenges the government to bench-test ideas for the NHS

Checking up on health

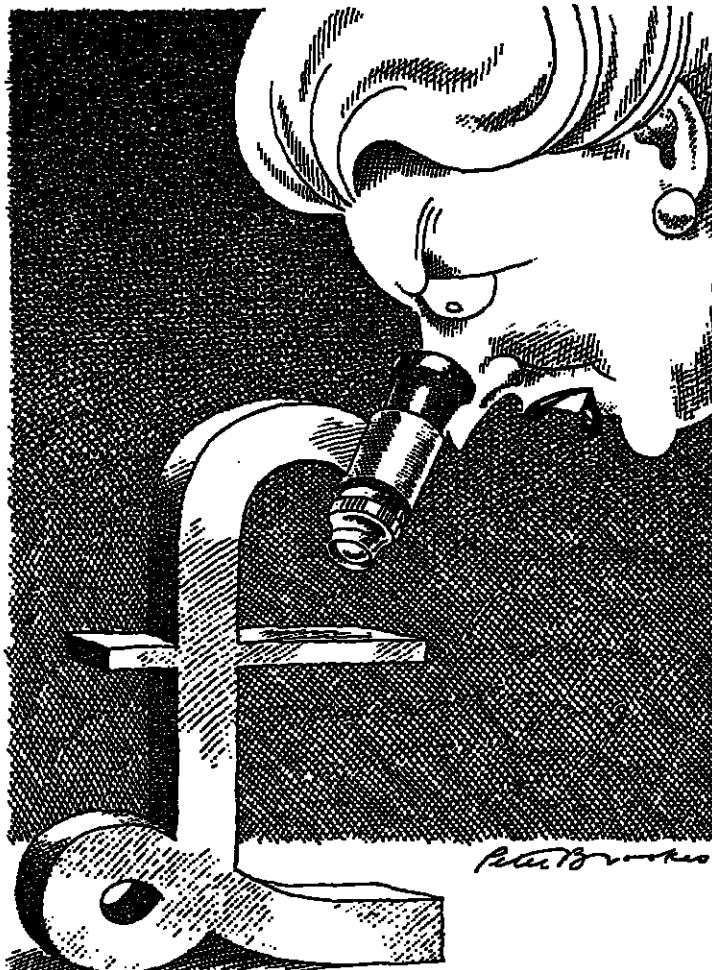
The National Health Service has long been bedevilled by a tendency of governments to come up with a monolithic idea for improvement, which is then imposed without testing throughout the country. A large number of ideas are at present under discussion, including vouchers, charging for check-ups and hospital accommodation, an internal market in patient services, subsidized private insurance, and health maintenance organizations, each with its own advantages and disadvantages.

Could we not establish a series of experiments and pilot projects that would improve our understanding of such ideas before they are implemented or discarded? There is no obvious answer to the defects of the NHS. If the government did embark on such a course of testing it would take three or four years for the lessons to emerge, a delay some will regard as intolerable. But that is far better than wasting the remainder of Mrs Thatcher's third term trying out only one idea, managerialism.

The government's central objective is to improve NHS management through the foundation of the NHS management board and the introduction of general managers. According to Antony Newton, the Minister for Health: "The health service is going through a period of major reshaping. It is being changed from being an administered service to being a managed service. That is very important, and more significant than most people have yet appreciated."

But the government's management strategy is inadequate, not because some managerial tightening up will make no difference at all, but because it neglects to tackle the two main flaws in the NHS: that it is underfunded and that it impedes competition. Compared with other developed nations Britain is a very low spender on health. According to figures published by the Office of Health Economics and confirmed by OECD statistics, between 1977 and 1983 Britain devoted a smaller share of gross domestic product to health than other developed nations, annually about 25 per cent less than the average.

The irony is that supplying health care free in order to remove the "price barrier" has meant that less money has gone into British health services than people would probably have chosen to spend from their own pockets. Further-



more, so long as health services are supplied free at the time of use, financed out of taxation, demand is always likely to outpace the resources at any government's disposal.

Looked at from the politician's standpoint, supplying a free service seems a good thing because governments like to appear generous and many voters like the idea of getting something for nothing. But in fact free services are a constant source of dissatisfaction because, unlike products which have to be paid for, demand is uninhibited by contemplation of the other goods and services which might have been enjoyed instead.

The present government recognizes that there is a resource shortfall, but believes it to be due to waste and inefficiency which it hopes to remedy by improving managerial efficiency. No doubt there is waste, but the real problem is that low spending is an inevitable outcome of tax funding

combined with unpriced supply. This means that Britain's low level of spending on health care will be overcome only if health services are financed differently.

Britain should, therefore, consider alternative methods of funding, and especially health insurance. To date the chief argument against private insurance has been the claim that it is more costly to finance health care from insurance than taxation. It is often said that administration costs account for about 5 per cent of the NHS budget and up to 20 per cent of American private insurance revenue.

But not all private sector alternatives are so costly. In a free market a variety of forms of insurance emerge, some very cheap, others not. For example, a "catastrophe" insurance policy which covers the individual against expensive emergencies but requires the individual to meet, say, the first £300 of medical expenses in a year, is very cheap.

Turkey delivers a vote for stability

The Turkish people's narrow vote to return political rights to the party leaders overthrown by the military coup of September 12, 1980, will have significant consequences for the country's politics.

Last May, the Turkish parliament — with the approval of the Prime Minister, Turgut Ozal — voted to return their rights, but made the change contingent upon approval by national referendum. This week the "yes" votes carried the day, but by the smallest of margins — less than 0.4 per cent of the 23 million votes cast. Emboldened by this result, Ozal announced that he will call a general election in November.

Since the two former premiers, Suleyman Demirel of the right, and Bulent Ecevit of the left, can now legally enter parliament, they can both issue a formal challenge to Ozal. Theoretically, they could unseat him. However, this looks much less likely now than some political pundits were expecting a few months ago.

For many voters, the referendum was almost certainly treated as a vote of confidence in Ozal and his right-of-centre Motherland Party. Demirel was judged to be Ozal's main rival for the sym-

pathies of Turkey's conservative voters, but his challenge seems to have been seriously blunted. Ecevit's image is now tarnished and the Turkish left which he once led looks weak and divided.

In the referendum, there was probably a good deal of cross-party voting. Nevertheless, Ozal can be reasonably confident that a big majority of the 49 per cent who voted "no" will support him in the general election. Granted that the opposition vote will be divided, he seems to have a good chance of winning office for a further five-year term. If he succeeds, it will be a remarkable achievement for a man who had never held elected office until he became Prime Minister in 1983.

Ozal's success is based on his government's record of quiet achievement, and on the divisions and incoherence of the opposition. Since 1983, Ozal's liberal policies have undermined a notable

recovery of the economy since the collapse of the late 1970s. Industry is in a healthy state, agricultural production is generally rising, and exports have grown encouragingly. Except in the east, where a bloody campaign by Kurdish separatists has erupted again, the political terrorism which engulfed Turkey during 1978-80 has for most people become no more than a bitter memory.

Turkey's political outlook is not uniformly rosy, however. In spite of the referendum, civil liberties are much more restricted than in most Western democracies, and torture of political and other prisoners apparently continues. Ozal's policies have been good for business, but they have brought relatively few benefits to low-paid civil servants and factory workers, whose real wages have been eroded by soaring inflation (around 40 per cent this year). The birth rate is still too high, and threatens to reduce living

standards for many years to come. In spite of a growth in exports, the foreign debt continues to rise.

What is remarkable about Turkey's experiences since 1983 is that the generals have stood by without overt protest while many of the restrictions they imposed in 1980-83 have been dismantled. Undoubtedly most senior army officers, as well as the civilian politicians, are anxious to secure the army's full withdrawal from politics. On the other hand, granted the three military interventions which Turkey has experienced since 1960, nobody can pretend that this is going to be an easy process.

These developments and the referendum result will have improved the modest chances of success of Turkey's recent application for membership of the EEC. All this reflects a good deal of credit on Ozal. Even though he lacks the charisma of several of his rivals, the Turks, as well as Turkey's Western allies, owe him a substantial moral debt for what he has achieved so far.

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BEYOND BRITISH TELECOM

However amiable we British like to be about the failings of our national institutions the state of British Telecom is no joke. More is at stake than the utility's reputation as the provider of effective domestic telephone services or as an organization capable of emptying public telephone boxes when they get full of coins.

When Sir George Jefferson, BT's chairman, mounts the podium today at its annual meeting, he will have to challenge a rising tide of public discontent. He will have to explain a long series of disquieting revelations — one of the worst being the report in *The Times* yesterday about the unreliability of call monitoring and the consequent overcharging of thousands of consumers. But his speech will be examined by politicians too, in particular those who sense voters' legitimate worries at the method chosen to shift monopoly providers of domestic services into private ownership.

Mr Cecil Parkinson and Mr Nicholas Ridley ought to be casting anxious glances at his performance. For the political success, economic benefit and intellectual underpinning of their own privatization programmes for electricity and water depend to a considerable extent on resolving the key issues now surrounding British Telecom.

It would be absurd to pretend, as some have done, that the public has suddenly started to hanker for the good old days of nationalized ownership of the telephone system. The public — business corporations and domestic telephone-users alike — have adjusted their sights fundamentally since BT shares went on sale. That is part of the BT problem. The sudden acquiescence which often accompanies public ownership (sentiments which show still in the tolerance of British Rail) have evaporated. The era of good feelings during the BT share bonanza has ended. What is wanted now are clear benefits.

It is altogether healthy that expectations of service have risen; people should be crosser now about filthy telephone boxes, apparatus that does not work, insolent clerks and the rest of the bill of complaint. Sir George Jefferson will today reiterate his promise that action is being taken on all these fronts, and especially in sending BT staff to charm school. But if he does not realize the problem goes deeper than that, he is deluding himself, and doing the rest of the privatization campaign no favours.

For there is a gnawing sense among telephone customers (business as well as domestic) that with privatization something has been lost. It was never going to be easy to make a giant private monopoly responsive to outside pressure. Small shareholders desiring dividends would only apply a limited upwards pressure on management; the regulatory body, intended to apply it downwards on behalf of the public, would require strong nerves — and teeth. Competition from

Mercury would operate at first only in very limited areas.

It is now clearer than before that the current model is unsatisfactory. It will be no better if it is applied to British Electricity and Thames Water plc.

Under nationalization the power of the consumer was perfunctory. It consisted at best of the occasional pertinent question by MPs in Parliament and at worst in continuous meddling by ministers in investment decisions; but consumers were left with a sense that, at the margins, they could secure redress.

Real consumer power depends, of course, on the existence of real competition. The only way to guarantee responsiveness to householders with complaints is to augment competition to BT. But however many lines are leased to companies for them to re-sell and however much encouragement is given to Mercury in the business market there is nothing on the horizon that gives the domestic consumer much choice.

What angers BT customers often is not so much the discovery of a fault but the certain knowledge that their complaint will be ignored because BT clerks and their managers will, secure in their monopolist's environment, have little or no incentive to respond quickly or effectively.

Now Mr Ridley is proposing the privatization of the water authorities with a loose organization of consultative committees. That is an uninspiring word in this context. What is wanted instead is some realization, in the American phrase, that when a consumer has a grievance "someone with clout will get on the case". The consumer, unable to transfer his business, must be able to have recourse to some kind of ombudsman with the power to call for papers.

In the example in *The Times* yesterday what was the customer convinced of the unfairness of his telephone bill to do? Had he been able to enlist some independent arbiter with right of entry to BT accounts, his complaint would have been met. Whether all domestic telephones should be metered so that itemized bills can be prepared is not just a question of technology. It is simple to effect. Nor is it only one of cost, although someone must pay.

It is, most of all, an issue of marketing, and one on which BT has been extraordinarily passive. The opportunity to have itemized bills might, in the hands of a sensitive BT management, be a powerful tool both to win friends and — no less important — to influence patterns of telephone traffic and maximize revenue.

Public trust in the suppliers of domestic utilities has proved fragile. The erosion of that trust may yet delay or alter the Government's forthcoming privatizations. Rebuilding it is a job which — we hope — Sir George Jefferson will recognize today on BT's behalf.

CHAD STRIKES BACK

As news filters north of one victory after another for the once sorely-pressed forces of Chad, it is hard to feel sympathy for their vanquished foe. Five years ago Colonel Gaddafi was knocking on the gates of Nijamena in pursuance of his ambition to create a Greater Islamic State of the Sahel. Now his troops are back on their own sand and it is Gaddafi who is pleading for support among his friends to defend him against the forces of "imperialist" Chad.

The destruction by a French missile battery of a Libyan bomber over Nijamena this week was the latest in a series of humiliating reverses which Gaddafi has had to suffer since last March. The army of Chad's President Habré, supported by France and supplied by the United States, drove him first out of northern Chad, and now out of the disputed Aouzou Strip along the border.

The town of Aouzou itself was quickly recaptured by the Libyans who were replenished and reinforced through nearby airfields. At the weekend Chad soldiers executed their biggest coup of all by seizing the powerful air base of Maaten es-Sarra inside Libya. The assault, in which more than 1,700 Libyans are said to have died, has been likened to a *razzouk*, the term for a hit-and-run raid by Arab bandits. But in terms of Saharan warfare, the destruction, however temporary, of an operating base on foreign soil, must count as a tactical gain of some significance.

Whether this tactical victory will be converted into a long-term strategic advantage is uncertain. The United States has encouraged the Chadian forces with enthusiasm and material aid. As long as Colonel Gaddafi is tied down in Chad, he is that much less likely to be troublesome elsewhere. Not only that, but a further string of embarrassing defeats could be costly in terms of cash and his personal position.

But Habré has also relied heavily upon

support from his mentors in Paris. The French government has made little secret of its growing unease over the way in which he is pursuing his campaign. The last thing that the French government wants is for its supporting troops to be drawn into direct confrontation with those of Libya. Yet that is the prospect now facing them.

At one time the French could have exerted direct pressure on Habré by threatening to cut off military support. But there is talk now of the Americans supplying anti-aircraft missiles for his troops — reflecting the extent to which he has broadened his appeal in the West as a cost-effective thorn in the side of an old foe. At the same time, if the French threatened to leave their over-enthusiastic ally to get on with it alone, Colonel Gaddafi would see his chance to get his own back. The French might therefore find themselves trapped in an escalating war they do not want — alongside an African ally they cannot control.

Much therefore depends on President Habré. The French government, while recognizing his territorial claim to the Aouzou strip, would prefer him to negotiate a ceasefire with Colonel Gaddafi now that they have helped him to defeat the Libyan threat to Chad itself. To do that, Habré clearly needs first to convince his aggressive neighbour that his dreams of a Greater Libya have been dashed.

But does the Chadian leader then know when to stop? Moreover, if Habré is receiving American support and encouragement, that assistance needs to be finely judged. Colonel Gaddafi's dangerous regime deserves to be not only contained but also harassed. That will be most effectively achieved by vigorous Chadian territorial defence based on the strong case that it has over the Strip. American or French support for Chadian robustness is one thing, creating a permanent military conflict south of the Sahara is another.

Footpath access

From Mr Her Watt
Sir, I wish the Chairman of the Countryside Commission every success in his campaign to provide better access to the countryside by the year 2000 (September 3) but the situation on the ground is not encouraging.

Most accept that paths used over 100 years ago took the shortest distance between cottage, farm, church and pub. Today walking is mainly for amenity with many grass fields paths originally traversed now in arable cultivation.

Gaining consent of all parties to footpath rationalisation is fraught with dangers. My first application to divert a path took years to accomplish including a costly public inquiry. Later six further diversions and new path-creation orders were agreed with my local authority but thwarted by a few objectors and have now been

dropped owing to the cost of long drawn-out public inquiries.

The most used paths on my farm today are "coursed" ones, which meet the needs of local walkers but do not appear on any maps, nor do they interfere with efficient agricultural operations as they traverse headlands and are therefore not ploughed.

All seems to go well in co-operation on the ground between walkers and farmers until national user organisations whip up objections whose motto is "not a single footpath should be diverted or closed", and the procedures to overcome these objections are proving too costly and time-consuming to follow.

Yours faithfully,
H. WATT,
Wingfield Cottage,
Prince Charles Avenue,
Orsett,
Grays, Essex,
September 3.

Account rendered

From Mr G. James

Sir, My company recently advertised for a senior executive. One of the replies we received, on a second-class stamped postcard, read in part:

Would you please send me 60p and I will despatch my CV to you? The charges are made up as: CV (3 x A4 photocopies) = 30p; envelope (23cm x 16cm) = 10p; postage = 19p; accompanying letter = 2p. Total = 60p.

I will accept PO, cheque or stamps to the value. Sorry to be so mercenary, but responding to adverts can become expensive and I'm of the opinion that many companies are currently not shouldering recruitment expenses sufficiently.

Yours faithfully,
G. JAMES (Shipping Manager),
Tudor UK Ltd,
Coleridge Court,
125/126 Sloane Street, SW1,
September 3.

Tighter curbs on violence in public

From Mr John Knightly

Sir, What better memorial to the Notting Hill soft drinks vendor (report, August 31) and many others recently stabbed to death than new legislation that strengthens that which is outdated and utterly inadequate to deal with the current epidemic of knife attacks.

Welcome and positive as the Government's post-Hungerford gun law review is, it must not be the cause of any more delay of action to reduce the casual carrying of knives and other offensive weapons and their use to cause or threaten personal injury.

A comprehensive approach incorporating publicity campaigns, special initiatives in schools and an amnesty is obviously needed, but of greatest importance is new legislation.

I would suggest change in three areas: 1. Extend prohibition on sale of sick knives through the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act, 1959, to a range of offensive weapons including the notorious Rambo survival and "butterfly" knives and make such prohibition effective for mail order as well as retailing.

2. Extend the range of offensive weapons defined by the Prevention of Crime Act, 1953, as offensive *per se*, thereby placing the onus on the carrier to establish that he has no intention to cause injury rather than as, at present, the onus on the police to establish that he has.

3. Increase the police powers of arrest by making possession of such offensive weapons an arrestable offence under section 116 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984.

The Metropolitan Police figures speak for themselves. In 1986 the weapon breakdown of incidents of violence against the person in London was, firearms, 554; sharp instruments, 2,730.

In the same year the breakdown of incidents of robbery where a weapon was carried was, firearms, 1,579; sharp instruments, 4,012.

I very much hope we shall soon hear from the Home Secretary on the subject.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KNIGHTLY (Chairman),
Croydon Community Police Consultative Committee,
Taberner House,
Park Lane,
Croydon, Surrey,
September 4.

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, During the 1970s I served two terms on the Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council. In view of the distress, damage and dangers that the Notting Hill Carnival regularly and predictably visited on the hapless inhabitants of north Kensington I argued that the council should press for its abandonment or transfer to open

spaces where local inhabitants would not be inconvenienced or worse, and visitors would venture at their own risk.

My pleas were regularly rejected by the leadership of the ruling Conservative group, largely from lack of moral courage. I do not make the accusation lightly; in the course of seven years I came to know them fairly well.

The carnival violence, which predictably follows equally predictable effusions by the media and powers that be about "this year's" wholly peaceable, happy, multiracial jollity thanks to the police's low profile, is simply the embodiment of seriously flawed intellectual attitudes, which in turn, as Orwell pointed out 40-odd years ago, reflect an underlying psychological malaise.

Banning the carnival or at least moving it to wide open spaces would not in itself be a cure. But it might perhaps be an indication that the powers that be were, however reluctantly, prepared to bow to the man in the street's common sense.

I trust that the present leadership of the royal borough will be more robust on this matter than its predecessors of the mid-1970s. As for the parrot cries of racism any action for the public good would be bound to evoke, I ought to warn that loose and unjustified use of this term could easily backfire and end by justifying real racism in the eyes of the public, which would be a very bad thing indeed.

Yours,
ALFRED SHERMAN
(Chairman),
Policy-Search,
14 Tufton Street,
Westminster SW1,
September 2.

From the Reverend C. Hendey
Sir, With reference to your leader, "Carnival at risk" (September 2), and as one who regularly "played mas" (took part in) Trinidad's carnival, I write to support your suggestion that the Notting Hill Carnival organisers should at least consider using Scrubs Common as the focal point to which all bands should process from several roads for competition judging.

Such a focal point is provided by the Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and ensures an orderly entrance and exit route for the bands.

Bands in Trinidad provide very disciplined marshals, which reduces the role of the police to a minimum. Perhaps the Notting Hill Carnival organisers should visit the land of the carnival's birth to observe the excellent organisation that obtains there. Yours sincerely,
CLIFFORD HENDEY,
The Vicarage,
20 Alexandra Road,
Capel-le-Ferne, Kent,
September 2.

Church unity

From the General Secretary of The British Council of Churches

Sir, Your Religious Affairs Correspondent, Clifford Longley, in his article, "An historic day for church unity" (September 5), accurately captures the excitement and significance of the inter-church conference held last week at Swarwick.

Cardinal Hume's statement of last Thursday (September 3), in which he hoped his church now would move from "a situation of co-operation to one of commitment to each other", opened wide a door of opportunity hitherto only slightly ajar.

The warmth of the response of the other churches indicated their willingness to discover new forms of commitment and action together. The conference had a foretaste of this in the necessarily limited but real degree of unity experienced in its eucharistic worship.

However, Mr Longley's enthusiasm needs mild tempering at three points.

A possible pattern of working together has been proposed. This not only needs working out; it will need in due course, after careful discussion in the assemblies, conferences and synods of the

churches, their official endorsement. This it is hoped will be achieved in the next three years.

More than a year ago the executive staff members of The British Council of Churches, excluding the staff of Christian Aid, agreed to restructure their contracts of service, to terminate on August 31, 1990, to demonstrate that all ecumenical bodies are provisional and to make possible the development now envisaged. This does not affect non-executive staff.

The British Council of Churches, having initiated the process leading to this conference, closely supported by the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales, far from having "lost its path", has been busy building with others a road for our continuing pilgrimage together.

Death and resurrection is a pattern of positive growth central to Christian faith, to be followed by institutions as well as individuals. The events of this past week demonstrate our willingness to be faithful to that pattern.

Yours sincerely,
P. MORGAN, General Secretary,
The British Council of Churches,
2 Eaton Gate, SW1,
September 5.

Conductors' lives

From Professor Robert Weale

Sir, Bernard Levin's informative account ("Near-immortal maestros", August 31) of the age at which conductors drop their batons is amusing; but does it stand up to analysis? I counted 29 deaths with an average age of 75.45 years with a standard deviation of 14.18 years.

They died in different countries with various life expectancies. Few, if any, died in Africa where males do not, on average, expect to reach the age of 70 years. But where orchestras thrive, they do.

It seems to me fair to conclude that a baton does not enable one to stick around for longer than normal. And while we are on numbers, the lame Victor de

Sabata leapt higher than two feet during Verdi's "Requiem".

Yours very truly,
ROBERT WEALE,
The Athenaeum, SW1,
August 31.

From Mr Ronald J. Whitmore
Sir, Although I can strain credulity sufficiently to accept that Simon Rattle is only 14, I fear that Mr Levin's well-known musical francophobia has misled him so far as Debussy's "Pelléas et Mélisande" is concerned. The first performance of this work was conducted by the dedicatee, André Messager.

Yours sincerely,
RONALD J. WHITMORE,
Wits End,
Cherrimans Orchard,
Haslemere, Surrey.

should ever be realised. People expect to find the vicar near the church, not living in some plush suburb and commuting into a church office for a nine-to-five job. The English clergy are put in charge of areas, not congregations. What is it saying to the people of those areas if their clergy refuse to live in them? Yours faithfully,
ALAN COOKE,
The Vicarage,
Milne Street,
Chadderton, Oldham,
Greater Manchester.

Clergy benefits

From the Reverend Alan Cooke

Sir, I was interested to read the Archdeacon of Derby's letter in this morning's paper (August 31). As I read it, there were sleeping upstairs in my house a homeless man and wife who had arrived here last night, a Sunday and the eve of a Bank holiday, while the other professional carers (none of whom lives in the immediate area) were all off duty.

God forbid that the scenario which the Archdeacon paints

Dangers in disposal of paintings

From the Chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund

Sir, Mr Hugh Leggat (September 2) has expressed in your columns strong misgivings over a proposed clause in a new Bill that will redefine the powers of the trustees of our three great national galleries — the National Gallery, the Tate and the National Portrait Gallery. This clause would allow wide discretion to the trustees to dispose of works of art in their care.

The National Art-Collections Fund believes this clause to be inappropriate and misguided for these art galleries. Tastes change, and what trustees might today consider "unsuitable for retention in their collections" could tomorrow become highly valued.

Our recent history has shown up the problems, for example, the Pre-Raphaelites, Italian 17th-century painting and the Primitives have all gone through periods when they were unappreciated and neglected.

The NACF with its long experience is so well aware of the dangers of disposal that no purchase is assisted and no gift or bequest passed on to museums and galleries by the fund without an undertaking that the works of art will not be sold or otherwise disposed of. As for duplicates, there are no such things in painting.

We urge the dropping of this dangerous proposal for these three great galleries. Instead, more long-

term loans of works of art to less well endowed museums and galleries throughout the country should be encouraged, and adequate provision made to assist this valuable service.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS GOODISON,
Chairman,
National Art-Collections Fund,
20 John Islip Street, SW1,
September 4.

From Mr Richard Kingzett
Sir, The suggestion that museums should raise funds by selling items from their collections is a frightening one. When the Nazis came to power Hitler decreed that from then on museums should only acquire German works of art.

To finance such purchases museum directors were ordered to sell from their collections pictures by artists from other European countries, and this led to some astonishing and tragic privations from the great German public galleries.

One of the greatest connoisseurs of that time, Dr Max Friedländer, himself living as an exile in Amsterdam, once wrote: "We always sell what we do not understand". It would be very sad if we, like the Nazis, went down to history as a generation who sold what it did not understand.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD KINGZETT,
Thos. Agnew & Sons Ltd,
43 Old Broad Street, W1,
September 3.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 9 1929

The Schneider Trophy, an international race for seaplanes, first captured in 1913 by France with a speed of 45 mph, was won in 1929 by Flying Officer H. R. D. Waghorn at 328 mph, flying a Supermarine from which the Spitfire was later developed. Two Italian competitors failed to complete the course.

FISH, BIRD, AND DRAGON

WINNING MACHINE IN FLIGHT

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

A funny little black thing, like a toy fish with a stand under it, appeared in the air away on the right, more or less over Cowes, and at the same time, as if from an entirely different part of the sky, came a thrumming, drumming noise. The fish went, rather quickly, all along the north coast of the Isle of Wight, which lay opposite, beyond the twinkling water and the big ships moored in the middle. Soon after it had passed the eastern end of the island it soared a little and became for a moment a bird, with short, broad wings catching the sunlight. That meant that it was changing its course at a wide angle. A fish again, it scuttled away, far beyond the fort and the grey-fagged masts of the yachts and ships in Spithead. It was going higher and higher in the air. Then suddenly it disappeared. That was rather horrible; but those who understood (and on Saturday the mere sightseer scored enormously by being with someone who knew about flying) merely said: "Hayling Island turn", and advised keeping the glasses fixed on the tall, more or less conical thing painted in black and yellow squares which stood in the sea on our left off Southsea. And, sure enough, there very soon was the fish again, scuttling along.

Again it became a bird. And then, before you could say "Jack Robinson", it was neither fish nor bird but a most awful monster. It grew till it had blotched out the sky. The roar of it, coming from nowhere in particular, filled the heavens. It was swooping down, down, straight at the defenceless people huddled on the bank and the beach. All was lost. But it missed us. It missed the white observation tower. It missed the tea-ten by an inch or two. A stream of blue and silver, a trail of black fume, a most appalling noise not far behind it, and before we could get our breath and give thanks for our escape it was no more than a funny little fish again, going rather quickly through the air a long way away. And of course it was not really a fish or a bird or a dragon. It was only Supermarine Spitfire No. 2 with Flying Officer Waghorn doing his first lap at a modest 324 miles an hour. But alas! after that moment when he missed the tower and the tea-ten no express train watched from a station platform will ever seem fast or terrible again.

There seemed to be more motor cars than people; and our share of the million and a half spectators was just large enough to keep us supplied with news and views, so that no one member of the party need spend all his time listening to the loud-speaker. . . . And not for anything would we have missed the thrill of seeing, hearing, feeling the machines pass close over our heads — going at their fastest, too (faster, that is, than any human being had ever intentionally moved before), because they were then about the middle of the seven-mile straight run westward. It was better still when the dragon was not pretty blue and silver but dreadful blood-red . . .

Crystal clear

From Mr A. J. Linggood

Sir, The letter from Mrs Rambaut (August 26) concerning variations on the word "clear" reminded me of my attempt to explain to a Frenchman the expression "now then".

His reply ran something like this: "Now — it is the present time. 'Then' it is some time in the past. 'Now then' is not time at all. It is a warning. Please explain again."

I gave up. Yours sincerely,
A. J. LINGGOOD,
57 Mulgrave Road,
Ealing, W5,
August 30.

Unhappy medium

From Professor Leslie Collier

Sir, I recently listened to a radio discussion during which "the media" were — or perhaps I should say was — mentioned several times. When, however, one of the participants wished to make it clear that she was referring to a number of media, she used "mediums". Was that not singular? Yours faithfully,
LESLIE COLLIER,
Brontë Cottage,
89 South End Road, NW3,
September 3.

Survival class

From Mr Paul Watkins

Sir, While I hope one day to join Mrs Mitchell Innes (September 3) as a Watcha (wonderful old thing, considering his/her age) I am at present a member of the intermediate category of Tepid (lasts expensive, pension inadequate, dammit!).

And surely the Dinks (double income, no kids) are outnumbered by the Sitkas (single income, three kids already)? Yours faithfully,
PAUL WATKINS,
Pastures Farm,
Sotherton,
Halesworth,
Suffolk,
September 3.

From Miss Esme Bass

Sir, Mrs Mitchell Innes suggests the acronym Watcha as an alternative to OAP. Certainly preferable, but how about Hopeful (hard-up old person expecting full useful life)?

Yours faithfully,
ESME BASS,
5 Sheffield Terrace, W8,
September 4.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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KENSINGTON PALACE
September 8: The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the East Midlands Tourist Board, this morning visited Kedleston Hall, near Derby, and Hensmore Grange, Hopton and in the afternoon visited Barn Farm, Birchover and subsequently opened the Center Parcs Holiday Village in Sherwood Forest. His Royal Highness later visited the offices of G. & J.E. Bankart Limited at Tollerton Hall, Nottingham.

The Duke of Gloucester, attended by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at the Preview of the Burlington House Fair at The Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

September 8: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this evening attended a Reception to launch The Spastics Society's National Week at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will pay an official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany on November 2 until November 7.

Birthdays today

Mr R.B. Adams, former managing director, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 66; Miss Pauline Baynes, book illustrator, 65; Mr John Curry, ice skater, 38; Sir Charles Fleming, paleontologist, 71; Sir John Gorton, C.H., former Prime Minister of Australia, 76; Mr Robin Hyman, publisher, 56; Sir Peter Macadam, former chairman, BAT Industries, 66; Sir Anthony Parsons, diplomat, 65; the Rev Professor N.W. Porteous, theologian and linguist, 89; Mr James Sablen-Carr, headmaster, Winchester College, 46; Mr Richard Sharpe, rugby player, 49; Dr the Hon Shirley Summerhall, former MP, 56; Miss Margaret Tysack, actress, 36; Mr Justice Tynan, 62; Mr Commodore R.H.G. Weighill, former secretary, Rugby Football Union, 67.

Why man is one pheasant's best friend

By John Timson

The cheer pheasant, *Catreus wallichi*, which lives in the Himalayan foothills is facing extinction. It might be possible to save the cheer by protecting the remaining small natural populations or by re-introducing the birds into suitable habitats using stock reared in captivity.

Because little is known about the ecology of the cheer, it is being studied by Indian and British ornithologists. Preliminary results show that one reason for its rarity is that although the bird lays about 10 eggs, only two chicks are usually reared. Predation by man and crows has been observed but the main reason

for the heavy breeding loss remains a mystery.

Cheers nest near to a permanent undisturbed source of water, which ensures that the young chicks have access to plenty of insect food.

All the habitats studied were open grassy tracts. These conditions are maintained by the activities of man, especially his shifting cultivation which where the cheer lives is on a 10 to 15 year rotation.

During the breeding season, which starts just before the monsoon period of June to September, the local flocks are moved to higher pastures. This allows the ground vegetation to grow to at least 18in, so

protecting the birds from predators at a critical time. The present indications are therefore that the endangered cheer pheasant niche it has found for itself within the habitat created by the local agricultural practices.

Source: *Bulletin of the British Ecological Society*, vol 18, p166, 1987.

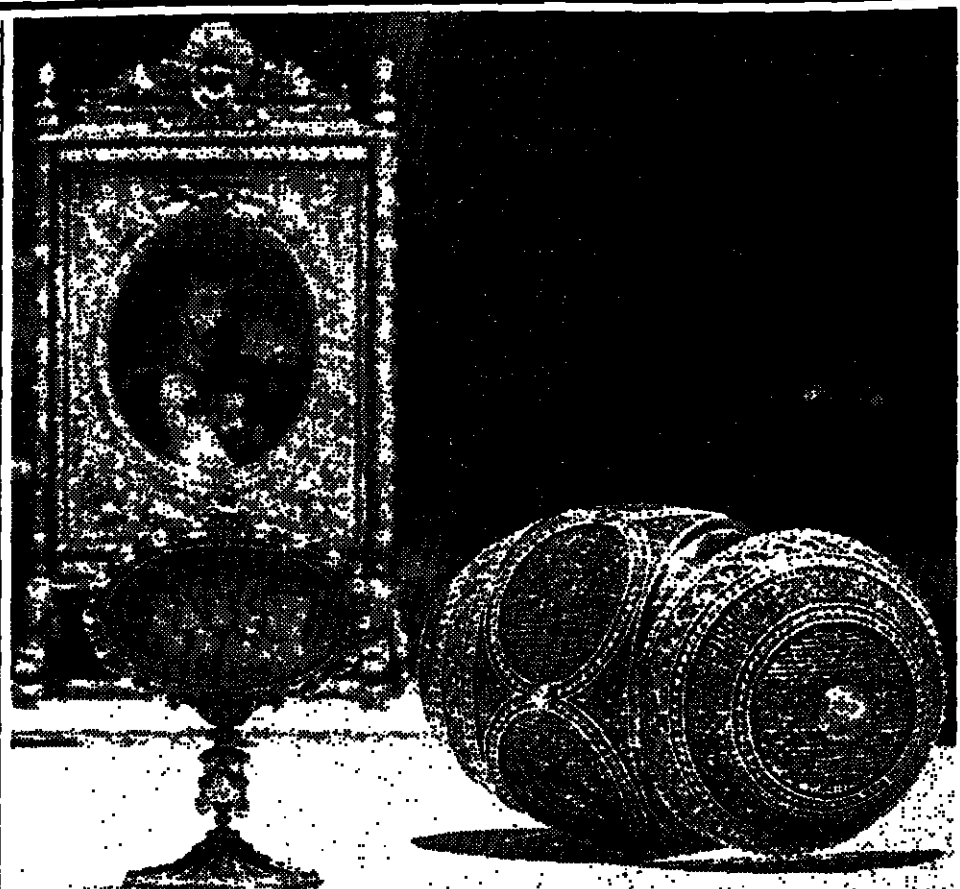
Dinners

Reform Club
Mr Douglas Llamblas presided at a dinner given by the Economics Group of the Reform Club last night at the club. Mr Shridath Ramphal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, also spoke.

Mr and Mrs Srichand P. Hinduja, Mr and Mrs Srichand P. Hinduja, with Mr and Mrs Gopichand P. Hinduja, were hosts at a dinner held on Monday night at the St James's Court Hotel in honour of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Lady Young of Graffham. Among those present were the Indian High Commissioner and Mrs P.C. Alexander and representatives of the diplomatic corps, industry, banking, trade and government connected with British-Indian economic relations.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister for Education and Health at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held last night in Edinburgh Castle on the occasion of the joint ICE/ASCE/SCSE Conference in London and Edinburgh 1987 by the Institution of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.



The Queen is lending the mosaic egg, an Easter egg given by Tsar Nicholas II to his wife, to the Burlington House Fair at the Royal Academy, Piccadilly, central London until September 20. The egg, set with diamonds and coloured gems, opens to reveal the enameled pedestal with profiles of the five imperial children (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Sweet smell of a Chelsea rose to be

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

A new sweetly scented rose is making a token preview at the City of London's flower show, which opened yesterday in the Guildhall.

The rose is a delicate pink hybrid named "The City of London Rose". Bred by James Sablen-Carr, headmaster, Winchester College, 46; Mr Richard Sharpe, rugby player, 49; Dr the Hon Shirley Summerhall, former MP, 56; Miss Margaret Tysack, actress, 36; Mr Justice Tynan, 62; Mr Commodore R.H.G. Weighill, former secretary, Rugby Football Union, 67.

The National Dahlia Society

ty's silver medal for the best exhibit of dahlias has been awarded to D.J. Spencer showing the varieties "Salmon Keene" and "White Kerkadee".

Mr Spencer has also won the class for giant cactus dahlias with the varieties "Salmon Keene" and "Reginald Keene" in sunset colours. The giant decorative dahlia "Haman Gold" is also popular with exhibitors and won a first prize for C. Kerr in the class for three blooms.

The Douglas Gooding trophy for the best exhibit of chrysanthemums has been won by C.H. Busby with the

white spray variety "Pennine Oriol". This variety also gained for Mr Busby the National Chrysanthemum Society's silver medal.

The popular large intermediate variety "Primrose Cheshington" gained for T. Gilliam a first prize, and the white, pink-flushed large reflexed "Raspberry Ripple" secured a first for S.M. Nicholson.

The quality of gladioli is also good and first prizes have been awarded to Mrs S. Moorhouse for large-flowered varieties (pink "Mother's Day", cream "August Days", and pale pink "Lowland

Queen"), and for the giant pale yellow "Celebrity".

In the vegetable section, exhibitors have found it difficult assembling collections of good-quality produce due to the poor season, but H.G.R. Sunderland put up an excellent display of potato "Cara", celery "Ideal", parsnip "Tender and True" and leeks and deservedly gained a first prize.

The show is open today from 9 am to 4 pm, and the Barman conservatory with its extensive plant collection is also open to flower-show visitors from 12 noon to 6 pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.T.O. Wallace
The engagement is announced between Welleley Theodore Octavius, son of the late Dr and Mrs Wallace of West Clandon, Surrey, and Maria Amelia, daughter of Sir Ian Abercromby, Bt, and of Mrs David Morgan, of Sinto Lira, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife.

Mr R.A.H. Cazalet
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.G.G. Cazalet, of Highclere, Hampshire, and Beth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Bero, of Concord, Massachusetts.

Dr N.M. Croft
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs Desmond Croft, of Hurstbourne Priory, Hampshire, and Jennifer, daughter of Dr and Mrs Colin Kolbert, of Grantchester, Cambridge.

Mr C.J.W.O. Duggett
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Duggett, of Sydney, Australia, and Catherine, daughter of Squadron Leader D. Stinton, ret'd, of Farnham, Surrey, and Mrs J.C.M. Cuthbert, of Buckland, Oxfordshire.

Dr T.W. Evans
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.K.E. Finch Noyes, of Clatterford House, Fyfield, Essex, and Janie, daughter of Commander G.R.R. Wilson, and Mrs G.R.R. Wilson, of Kebbarty House, Midmar, Aberdeenshire.

Mr M.J. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs O.E. Gibson, of New Malden, Surrey, and Sigrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Barber, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr C.J. Jones
The marriage will take place in Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, September 12, between Christopher, elder son of Dr and Mrs H.B. Jones, of St Peter Port, Guernsey, and Yvonne, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.A. Pullen-Warner, of Dartford, Kent.

Mr A.A.G. Winter
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Winter, of Hildenborough, Kent, and Gillian, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Pink, of Carshalton, Surrey.

Marriages
The Rev the Hon M.J. Erskine and Miss J. Westwood. The marriage took place at Eton Parish Church, Aberdeenshire, on Saturday, September 5, 1987. The bride was the Rev the Hon Michael Erskine, third son of the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie, and Miss Jill Westwood, elder daughter of the late Mr Campbell S. Westwood and Mrs Susan Wilson. The bride was accompanied by the Rev the Hon Matthew Rodger, the Very Rev Dr Peter Brodie and Father Jack Dalrymple officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Kay Westwood, Miss Louise Johnston, Miss Susan Wilson and Barney Campbell. Mr Mark Atkinson was best man.

Mr J.B. Boyer
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, 1987, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, of Mr Jack Boyer, elder son of Mr J.B. Boyer, of Houston, United States, and of Mrs Corrado Lodi Focardi, of Florence, Italy, to Miss Isabel Bandet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Fredrick Bandet, of Aberton, California, and Cardiff, C.H. Dorset. The Rev Ian Robson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Gina Bandet, Miss Olivia Christie, Miss Christina Lepois and Miss Megan Plierson. Mr Jan Boyer was best man.

A reception was held at the Reform Club, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr A.B. Davies
The marriage took place at Fareham on Tuesday, September 8, between Mr Anthony Butler Davies, son of the late Mr and Mrs G.E. Davies, of Havant, and Miss Sylvia Helen Dugan, younger daughter of the late Mr W.T. Dugan, of Portsmouth.

OBITUARY

MR QUINN MARTIN

Feds, fugitives and 'Frisco

Mr Quinn Martin, who died on September 6, at the age of 63, was an American film and television producer, and scriptwriter, a good deal of whose output — which tended to be highly watchable — became immensely popular with British television audiences.

He was born in New York City on May 22, 1922. During the war he served with the US Army.

After the war he took a degree at Berkeley, before getting a production job at Universal Studios.

He came to prominence in 1959 when he wrote one of the earliest made-for-television films — *The Untouchables*. He persuaded Robert Stack to star as Elliot Ness, the leader of a dedicated group of government agents, and created a series which was remarkable for its feeling for atmosphere, and its period authenticity.

He set up his own company, Quinn Martin Films, and became an independent producer. He wrote much of his own material, and his touch with dialogue in the crime

thrillers which were his forte lifted them well above the general level of such entertainment.

His many series included the sympathetic *The Streets of San Francisco*, (which featured Karl Malden as a kindly old policeman, shepherding a young colleague [played by Michael Douglas] through the minefields of crime); *The Fugitive* (played by David Janssen); *Barnaby Jones*; and *Cannon*, the round private detective of the disabbling karate chop, played by William Conrad.

Martin could create protagonists who were human — often rueful — rather than being merely tough, and it was these qualities, as well as the siren, screaming tyres and cars-over-the-cliff-top which made his series as popular in this country as they were on the other side of the Atlantic.

He himself shunned personal publicity and rarely gave interviews.

His wife, Marianne, whom he married in 1961, survives him with their daughter and two sons.

SEÑOR ENRIQUE de la MATA

Señor Enrique de la MATA, President since 1981 of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, died in Rome on September 6. He was 53.

He was a Spaniard by birth; a lawyer by training; and a diplomatist by inclination. He held parliamentary and governmental posts in his homeland, where he was also president of the Spanish Red Cross.

De la MATA enjoyed an active presidency in Geneva and during his tenure saw a steady growth in the membership of the 145 national Red Cross organizations represented by the league.

On a visit to strife-torn El Salvador in 1982 he startlingly announced that President Duarte, at that time leader of the junta, was a "genuine democrat" and also attacked Western media for painting what he regarded as an excessively dramatic and negative picture of events there.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, shaken by what it saw as a

flagrant breach of its neutrality code, immediately issued a statement emphasizing that the Red Cross could not take sides.

Despite it all, de la MATA was re-elected in 1985 to a second four-year term as president.

At that year's general assembly of the league, however, he further disarmed some of his colleagues when he tried to amend the constitution in order to put the decision-making more into the hands of himself and the assembly and away from the secretariat's staff.

But such a move, it was feared, would inject politics and regional bias into the league's affairs, and again, jeopardize its cherished neutrality. In the event, de la MATA relented.

The league itself last year fell foul of an independent report which said that it had exercised greater competence, many more lives would have been saved in the 1984-86 African drought emergency.

De la MATA leaves a widow, three daughters and four sons.

MR G. P. BARNES

Mr G. P. Barnes, OBE, who died on August 31, at the age of 57, was a loyal and effective public servant, who latterly overcame great physical handicap in carrying out his duties as joint secretary to the Parliamentary Boundary Commissions for England and Wales.

Geoffrey Philip Barnes was born on May 18, 1930, and educated at Leyton County High School from where he joined the Public Trustee Office as a clerical officer. He did his National Service in the RAF.

In 1953, he went to the General Register Office as executive officer.

In 1974, he was appointed joint secretary to the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England and Wales — a position he held until May of this year when ill-health finally forced him to stand down.

In that time he contributed to the general review of Parliamentary Boundaries 1976-83; to a number of interim reviews; and to two reviews of European constituencies.

It was a post which displayed Barnes' abilities to the full, and it brought him into contact with a wide range of people, including members of the judiciary and Parliamentarians.

For the last few years he suffered from motor neurone disease and worked under progressive handicaps, yet he remained unfailingly cheerful, coping positively with each reduction in his mobility, and without complaint.

He maintained standards that won him the admiration and respect of all with whom he had worked.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and their three sons.

SIR WILLIAM HALEY

Sir Edward Pickering writes:

In the many tributes to Sir William Haley, assessments of his career concentrate understandably on his noble achievements as Director General of the BBC and Editor of *The Times*.

Before he assumed these roles of distinction William Haley had been a highly successful journalist and manager in a very different world — the world of competitive evening paper journalism.

There he proved himself to be a brilliant popular journalist and an outstanding technician. These qualities contributed greatly to his later success.

When *The Times* was being re-housed and re-designed in the 1950s, Sir William would steal into the *Daily Express* — which I was then editing — and

sit with me on the "back bench", making notes on copy flow and how an open-plan design worked in a newspaper office.

There was nothing cold or austere in his approach. A newspaper office — like literature and music — produced in him an enthusiasm which communicated itself to everybody around him.

Integrity and discipline ruled his life; but so did special, imparted joy in the ring of words.

Monsieur Francis Lally, who died at Boston, Massachusetts, on September 3, aged 69, was one of that city's most highly respected religious and civic leaders.

He edited, from 1952 to 1974, *The Pilot*, the diocesan newspaper, one of the oldest of its kind in the United States.

ALL WE'RE TAKING OVER IS MORE PEOPLE.

WHO CARES, WINS. MORE PEOPLE CHOOSE PAN AM TO THE U.S. THAN ANY OTHER AIRLINE.



THE ARTS

Lady of the lens

Just when you thought that the film clips had been returned to the vaults for another quarter-century, *Eve and Marilyn* (BBC2) bobbed up. Quite by coincidence, the renowned stills photographer Eve Arnold has this week published her illustrated memoir of Marilyn Monroe, whom she snapped repeatedly over a 10-year stretch.

The main appeal of this fairly monotone essay was a kind of referred voyeurism. Miss Arnold had licence to follow Monroe into the ladies' room, camera in hand; she was

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also present when the star saw off a dull lady journalist by baring her (own) pèplage and brushing her pubic hair. Monroe loved the lens: defying all its laws, she photographed 10 pounds lighter.

As evidence of her subject's intellectual leanings, we were shown an Arnold snap of her sitting in a children's playground with her brow immaculately unfurrowed over a copy of *Ulysses*. The fact that the book was open around page 1,000 might be taken by the charitable to indicate that she had already read up to that point. This business of attempting to reclaim Monroe as one of the unsung brains of the mid-century is a very bad idea indeed.

Following on the same channel, *Scout* was the first of three plays about Northern Ireland commissioned with the express brief of ignoring the Troubles. It was refreshing to hear Ray McAnally announce in the opening scene that religion would not henceforth be mentioned.

The admirably resolute Mr McAnally — a performance of extraordinary calm power — played a veteran scout for Manchester United FC taking a fresh batch of hopefuls on a spartan country weekend. Youthful ambition simmered and frothed, but even the statutory gifted troublermaker was impressed by the irruption of a drunken over-the-hill professional who blamed the scout for his failure. This confrontation owed much to fringe theatre, but despite some minor hiccups Frank McGuinness's script and Danny Boyle's direction added up to something obscurely moving.

Martin Cropper

Sondheim grips the opera-house

For James Holmes and Keith Warner, conductor and producer respectively of *Pacific Overtures*, the opportunity to present English National Opera's first staging of a Stephen Sondheim musical (and one new to London) fulfils long-cherished ambitions. "When I first joined ENO, five or six years ago," Warner says, "I discovered that Jim — who was already on the music staff here — shared my love of Sondheim's work. In my case, it goes back to teenage days. When one was getting suicidal about girlfriends or whatever, one could always turn on the appropriate Sondheim record and think 'Ah yes, it's not so bad'."

So, when Holmes and Warner had to run the annual workshops for ENO singers, they seized on the chance to explore *Pacific Overtures*, which, with its fusion of eastern and western theatrical (and musical) traditions, its all-male cast and its serious historical grounding (the "Pacific Overtures" are those of the American Navy into Japanese territory in the last century), stands unique in the world of musicals.

Sondheim heard news of the workshops, and decided to attend. His presence, by all accounts, was inspirational. "First time I've known singers eager to work beyond the time specified in house agreements," says Warner. "Sondheim became a great hero among the company." And, as a result of those workshops, ENO decided to

Richard Morrison
meets James Holmes
and Keith Warner,
conductor and
producer of
Pacific Overtures,
which opens at the
Coliseum tomorrow

give *Pacific Overtures* a full staging. "I suppose it has become what our managing director likes to call 'the banker' for this season", Holmes adds.

Holmes outlines some of the problems for opera singers performing American musicals. "Opera singers normally concentrate on the beauty of the vowel sound. Here, however, the consonants are more important; they are fundamental to Sondheim's musical line, and of course the clarity of his superb text is crucial. In the past this has been his main objection to opera companies doing his work: they don't project the words as he would like them projected."

But Holmes believes that an operatic approach has compensations. "We are trying to utilize the greater tonal resonance that a trained opera singer has. The

biggest problem is one of tessitura: musicals tend to be written for voices with rather weird ranges, usually on the lower side. In fact, if you sit in on an audition for a West End musical, you find that nearly everyone is a baritone or an alto."

Warner and Holmes are unequivocal in their estimation of *Pacific Overtures*. "No other American musical has ever been so original in terms of form and in the demands it makes on the listener," says Warner. "It doesn't pull punches or hide behind accepted formulae and pretty tunes. The music is always used dramatically."

"Nobody starts a number in this piece and comes out of it the same person", Holmes adds. "One song, for instance, goes through 10 years of a man's life: in its course he is transformed from being Japanese into a totally westernized person."



Keith Warner (left) and James Holmes at the Coliseum, with John Kitchiner (Lord Abe) in the background

probably be spent by a West End management on putting a jacuzzi in the lead singer's dressing-room."

It is the intriguing interplay between East and West that excites everyone involved. The orchestra includes Japanese instruments alongside the usual pit-band, "and harmonically a song may have an oriental feel, yet be underpinned by American rhythms", Holmes says.

Indeed, according to Warner, "the central premise of *Pacific Overtures* is that it is a Japanese view of what

a Broadway musical might be like. The story may be about imperialism and so forth, but it is also a story about different ways of telling a story. And Ralph Koltai's sets will emphasize this; they will have a pristine quality which, we hope, will evoke not only Japanese art but also Broadway slickness. There's an important theatrical equation to make there, I think."

One aspect which seems certain to shock Coliseum audiences is Sondheim's audacious and chilling

switches in emotional levels. Comedy, even flippancy, rule for the most part (with some splendid mock-Gilbertian rhyming); then suddenly — in stylized Kabuki tradition — the principal character discovers his wife with a dagger in her stomach; she has committed hara-kiri. "I well remember that episode from when I saw this show on Broadway," recalls Warner. "It was one of the most stunning and disturbing moments of theatre I have ever experienced."

Vivid power

PROMENADE CONCERT

CBSO/Rattle
Albert Hall/
Radio 3/BBC2

This was something of a Last Night before the event, what with the television cameras, the enthusiasm of the audience and the miscellaneous programme. In keeping with the theme of these dancing Proms, the main work in each half was a ballet suite, and the pairing of Shostakovich and Prokofiev brought a certain coherence to the evening, but otherwise the range was from

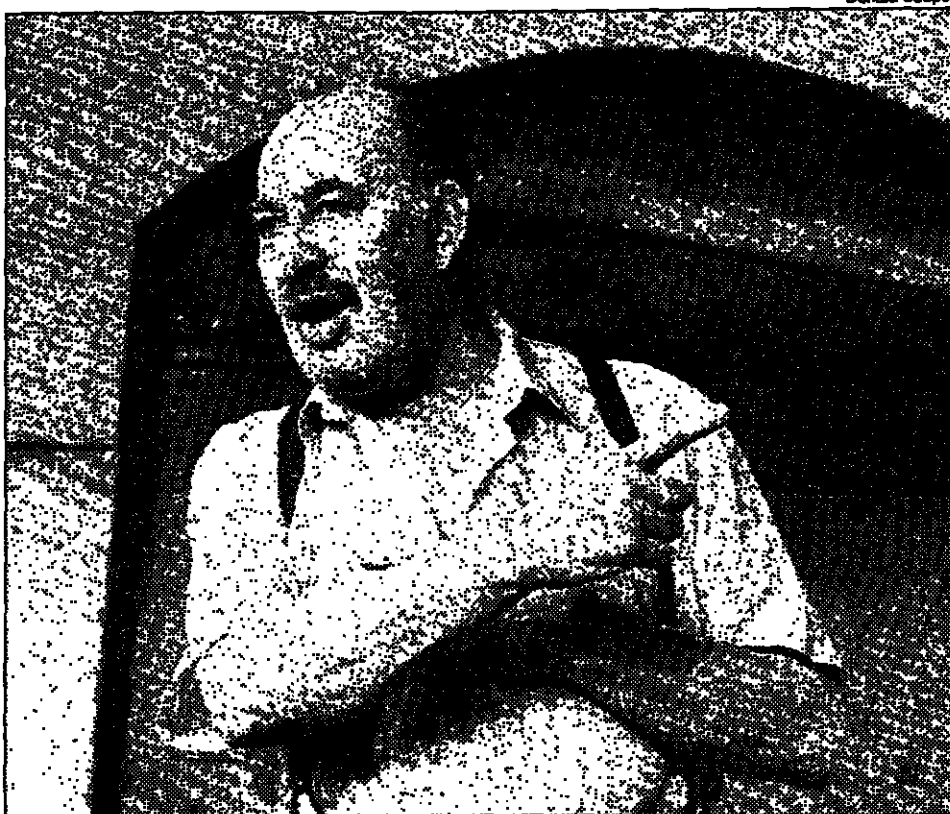
popular hits by Gershwin and Canteloube to distinctly unfamiliar pieces by Nielsen (*Pan and Syrinx*) and Sibelius (*Lemminkäinen*).

The only common feature, of course, was Simon Rattle's *élan*, so vividly projected by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and inevitably bounding through to an encore. Perhaps it was the excitement of the occasion that led him to set daringly fast tempos for the last of Shostakovich's four excerpts from his *The Age of Gold* and the second movement of Prokofiev's *Spytlan Suite*, prestos to which the orchestra responded with a will. The programme might indeed have been designed to show off Mr Rattle's rapport with his players, and also the strength of his vital brass ensemble and his woodwind soloists.

Odd things were dodgy (the saxophone and the flat clarinet in the Shostakovich, for example), but the cor anglais in the Nielsen achieved a delectable blend of warmth and antiqueness, and the clarinetist well deserved his applause for contributions to the *Chants d'Auvergne* and the overture to Gershwin's *Strike Up the Band*, the brilliant conclusion to match an alacritous *Cuban Overture* at the start of the concert.

The soloist in a choice five of the Canteloube songs and in Sibelius's ballad-cum-symphonic poem was Elisabeth Söderström, who has reached that stage in her career when she risks a disadvantageous comparison with the memories that her unmistakable voice so powerfully evokes. Her choice of such ubiquitous repertoire as the Canteloube was particularly unfortunate, and though the Sibelius found her in freer and fresher voice, with still much floating radiance and remarkable control of dynamic and colour, I cannot think myself alone in preferring to remember her for other things.

Paul Griffiths



Desperately hunting to flush out Nazis: a bullying Alfred Marks down in the wine-cellar

No laughing matter

THEATRE

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Parade
King's Head

This play is Anthony Shaffer's first, dating well before *Slush* and set in the aftermath of the Eichmann trial. It was not widely noticed at its first production, in Crewe, and there is a dispiriting air of the rep playwright about the way the minor characters are given scraps of stage individuality.

Into a disused wine-cellar somewhere in Israel some Nazi-hunters bring a prisoner from South America and identify the man who organized the death-train to Auschwitz. No more can be honourably reported by a reviewer without indicating in which way things are other than they seem.

If the play had happened to penetrate more creatively into the motives of Israeli and Nazi (which I am impatient to suggest) the twists of plot would be less important than

what they untwisted for us. But, as the sequence of denouements reaches its climax, the situation is that of the chief detective pointing across a room and all but saying "The mass murderer made one crucial mistake".

Of course the plot is ingenious, but this scale of crime and criminal cannot be fitted into the playful discipline of disguises and clues and "Where is this all getting us?" and "Bear with me a little further".

That said, when the Jew who survives Auschwitz gives

his testimony, for the few moments when Alan Haywood speaks, shuddering with memory, the trappings of the stage fall away and we are aware of a faint but true call from the abyss. Some of its power is due to the unfamiliar route by which it comes to us. And this is drawn by Shaffer's plot.

In a showy but hollow production by Jonathan Myerson the two leading roles are played by Alfred Marks and Garfield Morgan, stern when sternness is required, trembling, evasive and resolute. During a passage about childhood bullying Marks allows his mouth an ironically jolly twitch that says much about the character he is revealing. At other times the characters share little jokes. This is not a good idea.

Jeremy Kingston

Broken Promises
Soho Poly

A late addition to the country's rich tradition of immigrant drama, Chinese-American theatre finally emerged from the ghetto eight years ago with the debut of David Henry Hwang, a writer whose delicacy and steady precision are fully conveyed in this double bill by the Eastern Actors Studio, Britain's only professional Chinese theatre company. Both plays are two-handers, exploring the territory between the two cultures with no concessions whatever to the glib reconciliations of the melting-pot.

The Dance and the Railroad (Hwang's best-known piece) tells the story of a Feking Opera student abducted to work on a railroad gang where he encounters another immigrant labourer who enrolls as his pupil in fiercely disciplined exercises before the day's stone-breaking. It is a story of two unrelated dreams, of artistic dedication and New World riches, briefly brought together by a shared cultural heritage.

At its wonderful climax, the two men celebrate a successful strike against their white bosses by improvising an op-

era in which the master breaks with sacred convention and allows his pupil to star as the hero of his own drama.

House of the Sleeping Beauties, based on the suicide of the Japanese writer Yasunari Kawabata, confines the two worlds within a geisha house. At the end of his life and his talent, Kawabata stumbles upon this establishment as a haven where old men can sleep in the embraces of drugged girls. Here he imaginatively recapitulates his life, and regains his creative power in a story that will put the house out of business.

The moral contradictions in this tale are presented with grave, ceremonious courtesy; but what insistently takes shape in the relationship between the tormented client and his inexhaustibly patient hostess is a duel between the death-wish and the survival ethic. The ending may be a double suicide, but that only intensifies its character as a love-story in which sleep and warmth take the place of passion.

The two actors, Ric Young and Richard Rees, lack finesse in Peking acrobatics, but are powerfully in command of Japanese etiquette.

Irving Wardle

Sauna night

Hilary Finch finds chamber music alive and kicking in the backwoods of Finland

Each year 100 bicycles are hired, 50 saunas are warmed and endless bowls of reindeer meat, redcurrants and porridge are prepared in the one-horse town of Kuhmo, near the Russian border in the north-east corner of Finland. In 18 years, *Kuhmon Kamari-mustitki* has grown from an audience of 10, most of whom would rather have gone fish-

ing, to a two-week international festival of some 22,000 visitors. There are professional musicians who like it so much that they offer to play without fee; there are woodsmen and farmers who will travel 50 kilometres or so to hear Villa-Lobos and Zemlinsky played in a log hut.

FESTIVAL

The former's *Quintette en forme de choral*, one of his knottier works, was played by New York's flamboyant Aspen Wind Quintet in a winter lumbering station out in the backwoods. It was billed, locally, as a Farmers' Sauna Evening with Music (it does not have quite the same undertones over there) and an audience of more than 40 demanded encores. It was, if you like, a fringe event; but in Kuhmo, the fringe always came first.

When Seppo Kimmann started the festival as a student of 20, he wanted to prove to himself that chamber music, largely ignored in Finland in 1970, was neither esoteric nor elitist. And the music-making which then drew the lumberjacks today draws soloists who long for the chance to play chamber music, and groups who relish the chance to get

their teeth, tongues and bows into the demanding programmes which Kimmann organizes.

This year's two points of focus were French music from 1850 to 1950 and the chamber music of Schumann. It was revealing to hear how many German and Eastern European-trained musicians were baffled by the sheer length, breadth and, at times, long-windedness of the French late-romantic idiom. Others rose to the challenge of having to get to the heart of the matter in only a day or two's rehearsal. Grant Johanneson (piano), Hu Kun (violin), Vladimir Mendelssohn (viola) and Alexander Rudin (cello) warmed to Fauré's a Second Piano Quartet in one of the festival's most searching performances.

Schumann — and friends — drew the best playing of the fortnight. His *Phantasie* introduced me to the playing of the young Finnish clarinetist Anna-Maria Korsmaa, who must visit England soon. And Dmitri Alexeev gave, quite the finest reading I have yet heard, among pianists of his generation, of the Chopin Op 28 Preludes. It was the viola playing of Yuri Bashmet which stood out in Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat. We in the West hear too little of this young Ukrainian professor from the Moscow Conservatoire.

The last-minute absence, through illness, of Robert Cohen, meant more chances to hear the playing of Marina Tarasova. This imaginative young Soviet cellist picked up the Grand Prix at the 1983 Paris International Cello Competition, but London has still not heard her.



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Fully furnished fashion

People who once regarded only antique furniture as a good investment are beginning to collect — and even commission — modern pieces.

Sally Dugan reports

When rock guitarist Phil Manzanera moved into his circular Art Deco mansion near Virginia Water, Surrey, he rapidly discovered what lighthouse keepers have presumably known for years. The world is designed for squares.

His solution to the practical problems of finding furniture to fit was to commission his own. Everything, from tables and chairs to a giant double bed with rounded edges, was specially made by two RCA graduates, Fred Baier and Christopher Rose. And now the former Roxy Music guitarist is sitting — literally — on thousands of pounds-worth of solid wood investment.

"I liked the idea of using young designers — and it actually ended up being cheaper than buying stuff from shops," says Manzanera, who graduated to his Thirties biltop piece of Raymond McGrath's fantasy from a terrace house in Acton. "I now seem to have the biggest collection of Fred and Chris's work around — but it's only because I'm a great fan of theirs."

Woodworm and natural disasters apart, however, the furniture is unlikely to fall in value. And if Baier and Rose turn out to be the Chippendales of the Eighties, it could be an extremely shrewd move.

The collectable value of contemporary pottery and glass has long been recognized: a single Hans Koper jug fetched a record £35,000 at auction last year, and Christie's has an annual turnover of £250,000 in its ceramics sales. But for most people, investing in furniture still means buying up Pembroke tables and eschirotes.

"People still tend to go for the 18th-century English look. They think nothing of spending two or three thousand pounds on a reproduction rather than buying a good piece of contemporary design," says Paul Greenhalgh of Christie's. "But it takes time to develop a market, and I think things are changing."

London solicitor Martin Day broke away from the reproduction



Contemporary chairpersons: left, Christopher Rose with his St Ann's chair and globe stand; right, Lucinda Leech outside her Oxford workshop

set after seeing work by Oxford cabinet-maker Lucinda Leech at the Chelsea Flower Show. His Barbican flat now boasts tables and chairs in oak and walnut designed by her — and a unique pear-shaped desk, with a broad right-handed writing surface, is currently on the drawing board.

"You get a much better bargain by commissioning good modern pieces than by buying second quality antiques," Day says.

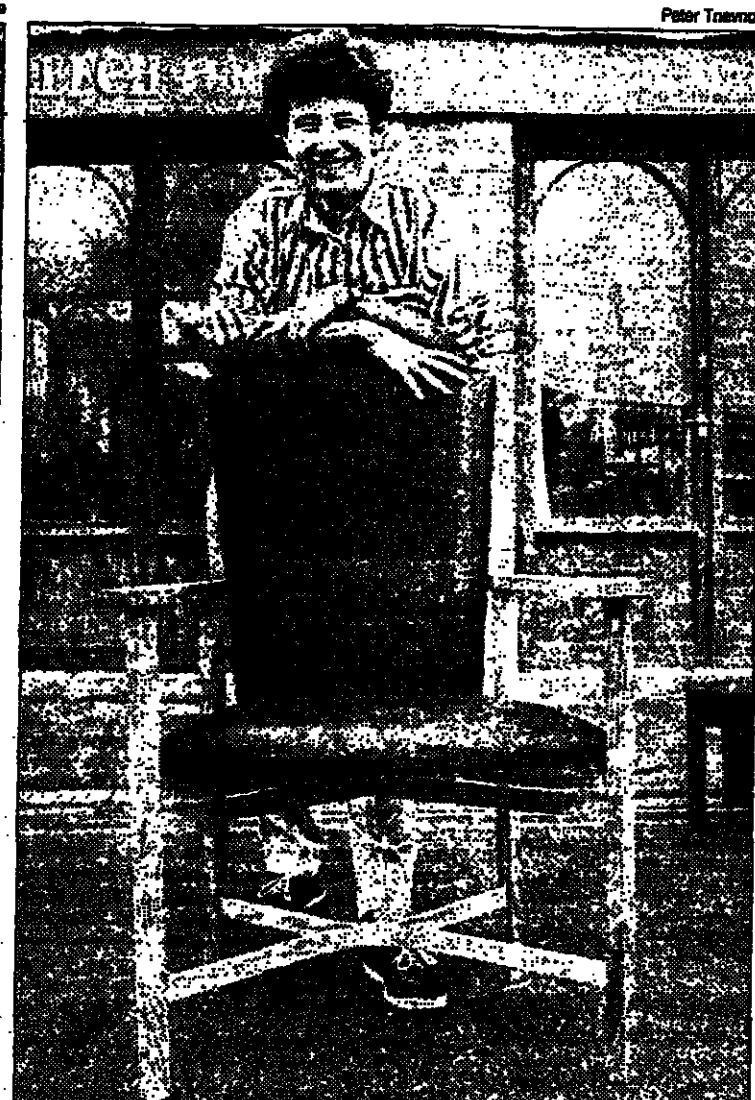
So if you have £1,000 to invest, and you want something more original than a reproduction Mies van der Rohe Barcelona chair (£1,073.93 from SCP Ltd), what can you get in the way of contemporary furniture?

If your taste is for the gimmicky, London shops have an apparently endless choice. Themes and Variations in Westbourne Grove offers a glass-topped coffee table with legs made from stacked pieces of broken glass by Danny Lane at £1,430. One-Off in Neal Street has the cult Rover chair by Ron Arad, made out of a used car seat — you could have three

of these for a little over £1,000, provided you don't mind joining a waiting list. For £1,692, Tecno in New Bond Street offers the hi-tech P40 lounge chair. But, as one furniture salesman put it: "Most modern furniture is filled with a bag of dust." A selection of 1980s vintage Habitat would have curiosity value for future generations — but a catalogue (price £1.50) might be just as lasting an investment.

At the other end of the craft spectrum is John Makepeace, who now grows his own trees as well as turning them into furniture on his estate at Parnham, Dorset. A pair of chairs, carved out of a single piece of a tree, originally sold in 1980 for £10,000 and were recently resold in Miami for £80,000. On a more modest scale, visitors to Parnham can buy boxes eight inches square in 7,000-year-old bog oak (a charcoal-coloured wood dug up from the Fens) for £300.

For those wanting to commission



pieces from less well established craftsmen, the Crafts Council in Waterloo Place, London SW1 has a comprehensive register, as well as a more selective index with slides chosen by a changing panel of experts.

The current furniture-makers' representative on the selection committee is Robert Williams, of the Pearl Dot Furniture Workshops — so called because of their distinctive trademark. He has pioneered experiments in limited batch production — a more economical way of producing original furniture than one-off commissioned pieces. He himself is on the index, which has a total of 16 craftsmen working in wood from Dartington and Powys to Galashiels. The oldest is Edward Barnsley, born in 1900, and once a member of the arts and crafts colony at Chipping Campden.

Early Arts and Crafts style — particularly smaller pieces — now has a recognized antique value. A pre-Second World War oak desk by Edward Barnsley, for instance, would fetch between £800 and

£1,200 if properly attributed. But there are still bargains to be had at auction among more recent work. An ebony and stainless steel cabinet made in 1975 for a craft study centre in Bath by Alan Peters, who trained with the Barnsleys after the war, was sold at Sothebys three years ago for £1,200 — only a little more than its original price.

Peters — who now has a studio in Culmington, Devon — reckons it would cost him at least twice that much to remake the piece today.

Paul Greenhalgh of Christie's sees contemporary furniture as the new growth area in collecting, and plans to test the water with a separate sale in the new year. As he says: "It's much more of a gamble than the antique market — but then that's where the interest lies."

The Crafts Council gallery and information centre at 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1 (01-930 4811) is open to the public Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm, Sundays 2-5pm.

A singular sort of future

Alice Thomas Ellis looks ahead to the day when men outnumber women — just how will the poor things cope?

The Family Policies Studies Centre reveals this week that men may find it hard to find a bride in future years. More boys than girls are born each year; more are surviving infancy and staying around.

When I was a child all unmarried ladies of a certain age had the excuse that their sweetheart had been mown down in the mayhem of the trenches. Now it seems that by 1993 there will be 284,000 more males than females between the ages of 15 and 29, so it looks as though that will be the end of spinsterhood.

I have a book published in 1936 entitled *Live Alone and Like It*, subtitled *A Guide For The Extra Woman*. I find it impossible to envisage a companion volume addressed to men, since the widespread assumption is still that if men live alone they do so because they like it. As my book says in the introduction, "the lonely male, however unprepossessing, really has no problem. He just looks for an unattached female — usually equally unprepossessing."

Yet according to statistics single men die younger than their married brothers. On the other hand married women have a shorter life expectancy than their single sisters.

Just sit quietly for a moment and think about something else while I try and figure out what this indicates about the future. I know: there will be (a) very few old ladies, because they'll all have been snapped up, married, and consigned to a premature death; (b) as many contented old men as there were ladies; and (c) 284,000 bachelors dropping off like flies.

I think somebody should immediately address himself to this problem and essay the above-mentioned companion volume. They will not find my *Live Alone and Like It* a great deal of help. For instance, the author, Marjorie Hillis, says: "Certainly, affairs should not

even be thought of before you are 30", and she is not optimistic about the consequences: "If you can take all that you will have to take — take it silently, with dignity, with a little humour, and without any weeping or wailing or gnashing of teeth — perhaps the experience will be worth it to you. Or perhaps it won't."

Dear me. She would not, I am sure, have put it quite like that if she'd had a male readership in mind. While it is widely acknowledged that women crossed in love have a regrettable tendency to lie down in the street outside the houses of their faithless lovers, men, when their girlfriends run away, are supposed to mutter, "To hell with the wench", give a ringing laugh and put their arm round the barmaid. Not all our 284,000 bachelors will be able to react so sensibly. Even the barmaid will doubtless be married.

While married men should, of course, know how to load the dishwasher, they frequently refuse to learn, and it doesn't matter too greatly until their wives go to the early graves; but single men are really going to have to apply their minds to the problems of everyday life.

I suppose it's already too late for those who are going to be 29 in 1993, but for those who are going to be 15 there is still hope. They must be taught now how to boil an egg, and a thoughtful mother will also teach a few seduction skills, since they will find life much more difficult than our single lady of 1936.

Here she is: "She puts on a pair of maroon satin lounging pyjamas and endorses herself on the couch in the sitting room, armed with two or three of the latest magazines. Before dinner the maid brings her a glass of sherry and some plain biscuits." A delicious little dinner on a tray follows. No wonder she consents to live to a ripe old age.

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Three go big game hunting

Mastermind and Trivial Pursuit showed the way. Now there is Eye

Mark Pepper

When Kerry Kevill tried to persuade an assortment of bank managers to give her financial backing for a new board game, she drew a blank. "I was very obviously pregnant at the time," she says, "and they expected me to ask for money to buy a house, not launch a game."

As it happens, both the baby and the game have safely made their debut. Jasper is now seven weeks old, and Eye goes on sale this week. However, the gestation period for Eye was a lot longer than nine months.

Eight years ago Kerry, an Australian, Iris Luttring, a German, and Billy Barry, an Anglo-Irishman, worked in an American summer camp for mentally handicapped children. The camp was miles from anywhere, and the three, very bored, decided to invent their own game.

"We wanted a game that didn't depend on luck, and didn't have dice," Iris says. "We wanted something that never let you know you were going to lose until the last minute. We called it Eye partly because of the shape, and partly because it was about communication."

"After two months we had hundreds of drawings, but



Board members: Iris Luttring, Billy Barry and Kerry Kevill then we had to leave. Much later, when I was in Greece, I saw a pattern on a temple floor that I knew we could use for the game. Then last year we all got together in Crete. We thought it would take us four weeks to work out the final details, but it took six months."

Despite some high-powered contacts the money began to run out and the future looked bleak. Then last April the trio met Ted Jones-Fenleigh Jr, who had been involved in the

launch of Mastermind. "We were playing the game in a pub when this man came up and asked us about it," Kerry says.

"When he learned we were looking for finance, he pulled out his chequebook and wrote us a cheque for £10,000, and said he would get a backing consortium together within 48 hours."

The three became directors of the new company, Finger Products, and since then things have moved fast. Already advance sales of the game total 130,000.

Eye is easy to learn; its creators say it can be played by children of seven and upwards, yet can be more challenging and complex than chess. The board consists of concentric circles of different colours that change pattern as they are revolved, rather like a kaleidoscope. The colours of the counters correspond to some of the colours on the board, and the aim is to control your own colour.

The competition from other new board games will be stiff this Christmas. Since the heyday of Mastermind, there has not been a block-buster strategy game. Kerry, Iris and Billy are convinced that Eye is it.

Lee Rodwell

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Bitter poison

The National Poison Centre's helpline rang 22,000 times last year with enquiries from doctors and emergency services faced with patients — mostly children — who had accidentally swallowed harmful household chemicals. So the centre's consultant, Dr John Henry, welcomes the pioneering decision by supermarket chain Tesco to incorporate Bitter — "the bitterest substance known to man", according to the *Guinness Book of Records* — in a wide range of own-label household products from lino cleaner to nail polish remover, "making them taste so totally unpleasant they're likely to be spat out before they can do much harm". But Dr Henry believes there is more to be done. "My dream is to see every potentially harmful chemical sold in child-proof containers," he says.

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Quote me ...

"I wasn't much of a clothes horse before I married, and now I look forward to putting on jeans the way other women might look forward to getting into an evening dress."

Queen Noor of Jordan

Working well

"We wanted to do a 'Dr Spock' for working mothers," declares Marianne Velmans, co-author of a new 600-page oracle for women who juggle a career and motherhood. As well as spanning the legal, emotional and practical aspects, questionnaires were filled in by "the real experts", working mothers around the country. Velmans hopes the guide will enable women to understand that "it isn't possible to be a parent and not feel guilty; working women don't have the monopoly on it. I doubt there is a mother anywhere who believes she's doing enough for her child, but too many working mothers fall into the trap of blaming things that go wrong on the fact that they have a job." *Working Mother* by Marianne Velmans and Sarah Livinoff, is published by Corgi, price £5.95.

Josephine Fairley

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★ **BLESS THE BRIDE:** Splendidly staged revival of Vivian Ellis heart-warmer Jan Hanley has a lovely day. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue EC1 (01-278 8915). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. John Coveney joins the cast in an NT transfer. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-378 8233). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **THE CANTERBURY TALES:** Last week of Michael Bogdanov's cheerfully bawdy version of Geoffrey Chaucer. Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-598 5887). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **CORPSE:** Colin Baker and Jack Watling in twenty three of murder, money and identical twins. Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR:** Transfer of Ben Jonson play from last year's Stratford season. An RSC production. Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

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★ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Presley's evergreen about guits among the gentry. Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, SW1 (01-834 0283). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

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★ **KISS ME KATE:** After its national tour the RSC production is now at the Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **THE LIGHT OF DAY:** Nicole Paggett, Nigel Terry and Claire Hackett at the points of the eternal triangle, set in Montmartre. Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2211). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **MELON:** New Simon Gray play stars Alan Bates as a gathering playing impromptu with sexual psychology. Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **NUNSENSE:** Off-Broadway musical set in a convent; jokes about dead nuns. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (01-836 6404). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **PORTRAITS:** New William Douglas-Home play with Neil Patrick Harris, John and Simon Ward playing three of his sisters (Molly, Matthew Smith and Cecil Beaton). Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

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★ **CHICHESTER:** ★ Miranda: Clever woman outwits greedy country squire. Haymarket Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **COVENTRY:** ★ Gyps and Dolls: Tantalizing comedy to the new season. Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **HULL:** ★ Teachers: New John Woodcock and 'term' play. Funny with sad bits. Start of new season tour. Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 224800). Tue: 8.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **LEICESTER:** ★ You Strike the Rock: Market Theatre of Johannesburg touring with play about scraping a living in South Africa. Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 535797). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £3.50-£15.50.

★ **NEWBURY:** ★ Educating Rita: Roger Hume and Angela Newmark in Willy Russell's play. Lyric Theatre, Newbury (0635 48044). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.50-£15.50.

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The Philharmonic Soloists of Japan are a unique symphony orchestra, comprising some of the country's top musicians which first came together in September 1984 for concerts in Tokyo and Osaka. Appearances by this ensemble must always be rare because of the members' individual commitments, but they will be at the Barbican tonight during their first European tour. The 1984 concerts were in memory of Professor Hideo Saito, a founder of the Toho Gakuen School, one of Japan's chief centres for music education. Every member of the Philharmonic Soloists was a pupil of Professor Saito, as were tonight's conductors, Seiji Ozawa (above), musical director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Kazuyoshi Akiyama. The orchestra includes several players well known as soloists, like the violinists Yuzuko Higashino and Nobuko Imai and the cellist Tetsuro Takeda, as well as outstanding chamber musicians such as the members of the Tokyo String Quartet. The orchestra were in Vienna last night, will be playing in Berlin on Friday, and are also visiting Paris and Frankfurt. The Barbican programme consists of Mozart's Divertimento K 136 and Brahms's Symphony No 1 conducted by Ozawa and Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Die Leier des Prometheus* conducted by Akiyama. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.30pm, £4-14.

★ **JAWS IV - THE REVENGE** (PG): Cane and Karen Young. Joseph Sergeant directs (100 min). Empire Leicester Square (01-836 6404). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

★ **AN AMERICAN TAIL** (U): The adventures of an immigrant mouse in New York, relayed in sturdy, old-fashioned animation by Disney artist Don Bluth. The story, though, springs no surprises (81 min). Cannon Oxford Street (01-836 6404). Progs 1.15, 2.55, 4.40, 6.45, 8.40.

★ **THE BIG EASY** (18): Uncertain mixture of sex comedy and police thriller, with Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin. Directed by Jim McBride (95 min). Cannon Oxford Street (01-836 6404). Progs 1.15, 2.55, 4.40, 6.45, 8.40.

★ **BLACK WIDOW** (15): A homicidal psychopath kills several wealthy husbands and is investigated by the Justice Department, notably Alec Baldwin (played by Debra Winger) (114 min). Warner Bros. (01-836 6404). Progs 1.15, 2.55, 4.40, 6.45, 8.40.

★ **BLUE VELVET** (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the sexual surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. Isabella Rossellini is the local siren, Dennis Hopper evil incarnate and Kyle MacLachlan a wholesome hero (120 min). Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3671). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20.

★ **POLICE ACADEMY IV: CITIZENS ON PATROL** (PG): Further lame adventures of the oddball police force from the hit comedy of 1984, with Steve Guttenberg, Bubba Smith and Michael Winslow. Directed by Jim Korman (95 min). Warner Bros. (01-836 6404). Progs 1.15, 2.55, 4.40, 6.45, 8.40.

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★ **HOPE AND GLORY** (18): John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal, with Sebastian Rice-Evans and Sammi Davis (113 min). Odeon Whitehall (01-836 2738). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

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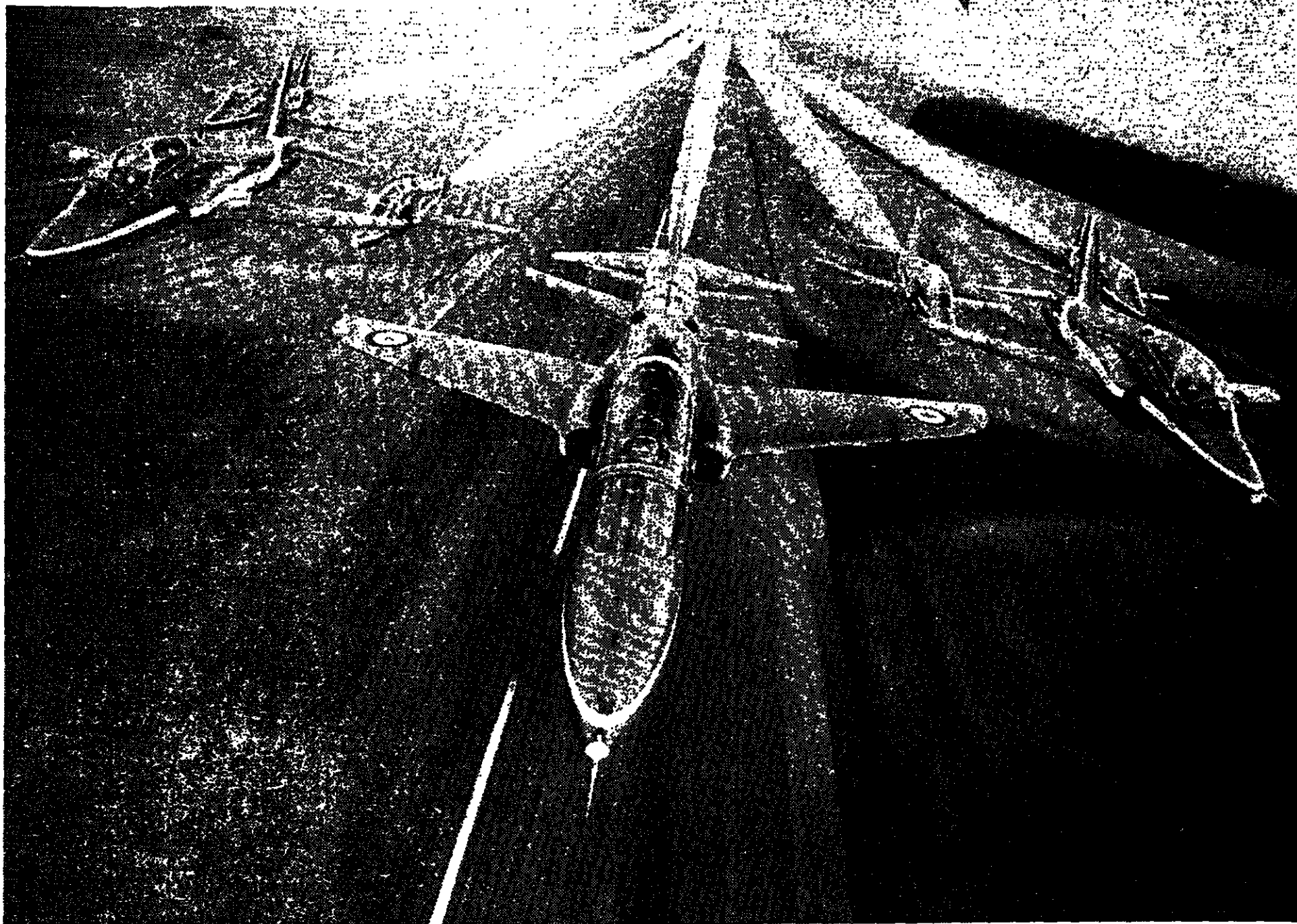
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Red Arrows roar in for Royal Marines



The Royal Air Force display team, the Red Arrows, photographed by Richard Cooke in perfect formation at 300 mph and a few feet above the ground.

Over the next few days the team will be presenting its spectacular display at the Royal Marines Eastney Searchlight Tattoo in Hampshire.

The photograph was taken from a leading British Aerospace Hawk using a Nikon externally. The exposure was at 1/30th second with a 24mm lens.

A collection of Cooke's photographs will be included in a book, *The Red Arrows*, published by W H Allen on October 15, price £14.95.

Germans pledge to work for better East-West relations

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the even tone of the talks, despite sharp divergences, with President von Weizsäcker of West Germany, who also received Herr Honecker, greeting him as a "German among Germans". Herr Honecker was stony-faced when Herr Kohl repeated throughout the talks, and at a formal dinner on Monday night, that the Wall killings must stop, that Nato protected human values, and that the "whole German people" must be free to choose reunification.

Herr Honecker, departing from his remarks, retorted that capitalism and communism were as irreconcilable as fire and water.

Last night, at a final dinner for Herr Honecker, Herr Kohl again stressed the West Germans' desire for national unity. Officials nonetheless describe the overall tone as "reserved but friendly", and Herr Kohl proposed regular German summits to help promote East-West dialogue.

Herr Honecker said the

talks had shown that, despite their differences, the two Germanies were unanimous in wanting to secure peace and avoid "the danger of a nuclear inferno".

In a communiqué, the two sides agreed they had a "responsibility stemming from common history" to ensure that war never again began from German soil. Despite differences over the "national question", they would develop "good, neighbourly relations", including the resolution of humanitarian and hardship cases.

Herr Kohl secured a commitment to increased youth exchanges, reflecting his deep-seated belief that inter-German relations will improve if young people can cross the divide.

Under the new agreements, East Germany is to ease import controls on audio and video cassettes, medical supplies and trade journals. But ordinary newspapers are still banned, and cassettes can be impounded if their content is

"against the interests of the socialist state".

A Bonn spokesman said the moves were "a start". Twinning arrangements between East and West German towns are to increase, as are sporting ties. There are also to be improved railway and telecommunications links between the two Germanies and in Berlin.

Officials denied that Bonn had agreed to increased credits or subsidies, but it is widely assumed that West Germany will end up paying for upgraded traffic and communications links.

The agreements signed yesterday provide for co-operation in radiation protection, science and technology, and the environment.

Herr Kohl said that, although the two sides remained far apart on basic matters, they had focused on "the achievable". Today, Herr Honecker meets industrialists in Düsseldorf and Essen before travelling tomorrow to his birthplace in the Saarland.

Telecom tightens checks on telephone exchange meters

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"We carried out a physical survey because the company was on such a large site with many buildings and found that many secretarial telephone points and extensions to outbuildings were being charged but had not been installed," Mr Chapman said.

"BT immediately repaid £31,000 but we later discovered it had been charging an incorrect tariff on some of the equipment, including the missing external extensions, and recovered a further £19,000.

"Charging the wrong rate for ghost equipment is really some achievement," he said. NUS found scores of metering faults during its investigations, including one which led to a £70,000 repayment after it was realized that a fault in a meter registering units on one of 14 lines had existed for 13 years.

Mr Chapman said: "We are not white knights tilting at BT. It is just that with such a large company there are bound to

be problems and we can make a living out of them."

A Telecom spokesman said last night: "It would be abnormal if, out of 88 million bills prepared each year, there were not one or two which contained some errors."

"We remain convinced that the vast majority of bills are absolutely correct."

He confirmed also that Telecom was taking steps to ensure that the meters which control charging in the exchanges were accurate. Several examples of meters in London exchanges charging peak rates instead of cheap or standard rates have been provided by the Telecommunications Users' Association, an independent consumer body.

Telecom is planning to install electronic meters to replace the present electro-mechanical devices in all exchanges by the end of the year. It is also introducing automatic monitoring equipment to check that the meters switch to the correct tariff at the right time, and will step up

manual checks until they are installed.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of the Office of Telecommunications (OfTel) said last night he would seek amendments to Telecom's operating licence if it failed to improve procedures to prevent customers being charged for unsuccessful calls.

However Professor Carsberg said: "The indications I have seen so far are that billing errors are relatively small in total value and that underbilling is more likely than overbilling."

He said he was aware of metering faults which had caused subscribers to be charged at peak instead of cheap rates, and of other faults which had caused overcharging.

The Times received scores of telephone calls yesterday from subscribers complaining about their bills. Some said they had monitored their own calls to prove they had been overcharged.

Conference sketch

Lighting the way to a new world

In the arcade outside the Blackpool Winter Gardens, an undue number of men seem to spend their moments away from union business busily combing their hair.

Inside the hall, delegates slumber while the talk is of basic rights, naked aggression, and that woman. But out in the arcade all is merriment. There is a minimum of two television crews, at all times desperate for a vaguely recognizable face to place between their shutters.

Slightly well-known MPs like Michael Meacher, hearing of the spare air time going begging in Blackpool, make the long march up from London, comb at the ready. But there is only one celebrity in Blackpool, and he knows it. Arthur Scargill wanders hither and thither, shaking this hand and that, smiling now with this side of his mouth, now with the other, a small entourage of camera crews stepping backwards in front of him, a heavy band of coat-touchers shuffling softly behind him.

Elsewhere in the arcade, delegates mutter conspiratorially to one another, their hands playing nervously around their comb-pockets. Occasionally they stray into the theatre to see what's happening onstage.

And what is happening? A sister is screaming shrilly about "Sexy Quality". Despite what the Government says, there is still no real sexy quality in the workplace. Norman Willis is strolling about the nether regions of the stage, pulling up the trousers of his silky but perhaps over-generous new suit and then, after a second or two, pulling them up yet again. The rest of the stage is barren but for the odd delegate. At the front, on the only chair with arm-rests, sits Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers and this year's president. He presides over the congress with the watchful apathy characteristic of the born-again investigator.

In the morning, the talk was of exploitation in the workplace. A delegate from the National Association of Teachers told congress of a Mr Horace Gosling who employs children to top carrots. Shame on Mr Horace Gosling, we were all agreed on that, but why was there no

one prepared to speak up for the poor carrots?

After lunch, Mr Fred Jarvis showed that he was not at all pleased with the general behaviour of delegates. Sir said that there had been a very poor turn-out for the previous night's performance of an educational stage show entitled "The Long March", the performers had come a long way and put a lot of effort into it, and he very much hoped that there would be a better attendance at subsequent performances. Unsatisfactory. Must do better. Mr Willis, fresh from another trouser-pull, revealed that it was Sir's birthday, and even though Sir had had to give them a telling-off, the delegates mustered a swift round of applause.

The sparkling new, go-ahead, fun-fun-fun TUC was debating the setting up of a youth forum. "It's difficult for congress to talk about what is best for youth without sounding patronizing", said a gentleman on the platform who, for reasons unexplained, was wearing two orange identity tags, one on each lapel. As he said it, most of the stage lights went out, leaving all except the front row in darkness.

"Consider these issues on an ongoing basis", continued the dual-tagged man, and suddenly the lights came on again, this time in ultraviolet. "Let's this year start consulting our young members", he went on, and the ceiling was flooded in light. Yesterday, promiscuous, today a stroboscopic congress. With the addition of a smattering of Heavy Metal, the punters should come flooding in and the Trades Union Congress will be young and vibrant once more.

There was rumour from the pro-youth sector when Mr Jarvis declared their motion lost. "Rubbish!" they shouted. "I call paragraph 55", said Sir, pretending not to hear. "Rubbish!" they repeated. Sir looked at his watch and sighed. Very well, they could have a card vote if that was what they wanted. Sure enough, he was right and they were wrong, by a good three million votes. And there were probably another three million outside combing their hair, ready for those cameras.

Craig Brown

'Heyssel 26' to fly out

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the military airport at Northolt. They will be put on board a Belgian Hercules military aircraft which will have on board a Belgian police unit.

In Brussels, they will be taken to the Palais de Justice in Brussels, where they will have to be seen by a judge. Under Belgian law the police have 24 hours to present suspects to a magistrate for a formal arrest.

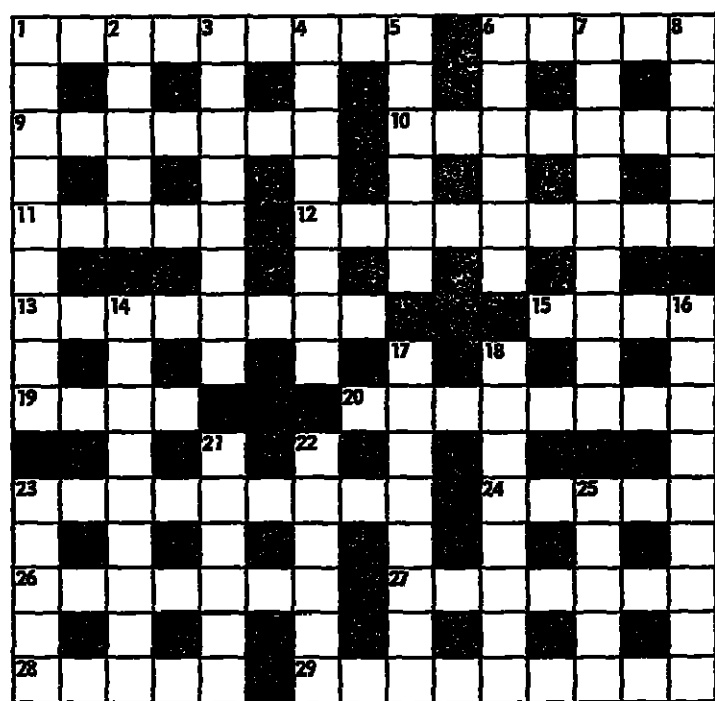
Although 15 of Belgium's most celebrated criminal lawyers have volunteered to defend the "Heyssel 26" for nothing when their trial even-

tually begins, the fate of the Liverpool soccer fans constitutes only part of a drama that is expected to unfold over a period of several months.

Last night the Home Office said they had sent a note to the Belgians stating their understanding of the extradition treaty which is that other offences can be put to the 26 once they are in Belgium but they must be extraditable offences laid out in the treaty. They must arise from the evidence accepted by the magistrate in the extradition hearing.

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,457



ACROSS

- 1 It was fired in church in a Derbyshire town (9).
- 6 About to scial from its branches? (5).
- 9 Bird seen around ship - a Ukrainian rider (7).
- 10 European jazz enthusiast raises a frightful stink (7).
- 11 Model 35 ac from a supplier of hands (5).
- 12 Sounds like a conciliation job - paid for by results (3-4).
- 13 Ravel, unusually lean gent (8).
- 15 Prize to conceal in the hand (4).
- 19 New boy rejected this traveller's tale (4).
- 20 Appomassment by bribery in many a strange legend (8).
- 23 First lock a set-back? What a statement! (9).
- 24 Holy books found in male student's lodging-place (5).
- 26 Avengers in the Emerald Isle, indeed (7).
- 27 Lowly state - one observed in a dog (7).
- 28 A novelist mostly lacking in compassion (5).
- 29 Fruit, extremely toothsome, in

DOWN

- 1 Means arranged for girl to span ravine (9).
- 2 Discrimination, in Baptista's terminology (5).
- 3 Rashly cure about 500 on 3rd of August (8).
- 4 The gull, wearing this on the king's birthday (3-5).
- 5 Having been cured, he sleeps, apparently (6).
- 6 Youngsters backing some of our members (6).
- 7 Priest's office delivers reprimand about man's execution (9).
- 8 Scholar raised equipment for making printed material (5).
- 14 Changes headgear at entrance to fair-ground? (9).
- 16 She put together a garland - most of one (9).
- 17 A northern writer in a western state, sustained by his fellows? (8).
- 18 Place of worship for these bad characters (8).
- 21 Coloured drawing of a prisoner eating fish (6).
- 22 But an unmarried girl isn't, surely (6).

WEATHER

General situation: A cold front will move south-east across Britain. The south-eastern half of England will have another reasonable, mainly dry day with a little sunshine, although it will cloud over later with some rain. Wales and northern England will start cloudy, with a band of rain moving south-east during the day, this being followed by cooler weather with some cloud breaks but no showers. Remaining areas will quickly become brighter and fresher after a dull, wet start but there will still be showers around, some being heavier later. All areas will have quite a windy day. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Windy, showers, and more prolonged rain on Friday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; h, hot; r, rain; s, sun; sh, shower; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Aleppo	27	81	Moscow	29	84
Amman	23	73	Munich	17	63
Athens	23	73	Nairobi	17	63
Bahia	23	73	Paris	17	63
Bombay	23	73	Rome	17	63
Buenos Aires	23	73	St Petersburg	17	63
Cairo	23	73	Tokyo	17	63
Cardiff	23	73	Washington	17	63
Colon	23	73	Zurich	17	63
Copenhagen	23	73			
Dublin	23	73			
Helsinki	23	73			
London	23	73			
Lyons	23	73			
Madrid	23	73			
Manila	23	73			
Mexico	23	73			
Montreal	23	73			
Osaka	23	73			
Seoul	23	73			
Singapore	23	73			
Sydney	23	73			
Taipei	23	73			
Tientsin	23	73			
Yokohama	23	73			

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun	Rain	in	C	F
Southport	9.6	.04	18	64	sun
Blackpool	9.6	.04	18	64	sun
Crozier	7.9	.04	18	64	sun
Liverpool	9.6	.04	18	64	sun
Warrington	4.5	.04	19	66	sun
Southend	2.9	.03	19	66	brigh
Margate	2.7	.05	18	66	rain
Falmouth	2.0	.06	17	65	rain
Wexham	2.0	.06	17	65	rain
Eastbourne	3.0	.17	17	63	rain
Brighton	1.7	.14	17	63	rain
Woking	1.3	.14	17	63	rain
Litlington	2.3	.13	17	63	rain
Bognor R	1.8	.10	17	63	rain
Weymouth	3.3	.04	16	64	sun
Stamford	1.1	.04	17	63	rain
Shefflin					
Bournemouth	3.1	.07	18	64	rain
Falmouth	2.2	.07	18	64	rain
Swanage	0.9	.07	18	64	rain
Weymouth	1.1	.17	17	63	rain
Easton	1.3	.09	17	63	rain
Orkney	1.9	.07	19	66	brigh
Torquay	1.5	.10	17	63	rain
Weymouth	1.1	.11	17	63	rain
Penzance	1.0	.11	17	63	rain
Sally Isles	1.0	.08	18	64	rain
Jersey					
Guissey					
Norwiche	0.9	.11	17	63	rain
Tringham	5.1	.06	18	64	sun
Weymouth	5.0	.06	18	64	sun
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Manchester	8.0	.04	18	64	sun
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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1775.2 (-13.3)
FT-SE 100
2275.0 (-8.6)
Bargains
33427 (31533)
USM (Datastream)
209.71 (-0.15)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6600 (-0.0005)
W German mark
2.9739 (-0.0017)
Trade-weighted
73.2 (-0.1)

Goal leaps to profit of £498,000

Higher production from four oilfields and firmer oil prices enabled Goal Petroleum to swing into a pretax profit of £498,000 in the six months to end-June, compared with a loss of £209,000 previously.

There was a 46 per cent increase in oil production due to the addition of two fields. An interest in Claymore was acquired in mid-1986 and the Balmoral field started producing last November.

Higher oil prices also helped. Part of the 30 per cent improvement in dollar terms to an average of \$17.50 a barrel was eroded by adverse exchange movements. Nevertheless, the starting price rose from just under \$9 to \$10.85.

Mr A Margulies

In our report, "Unanswered questions over Guinness" (August 31), we said that Mr Alan Margulies had been paid £1.95 million of Guinness money via a nominee company, but that this had not been returned to Guinness.

This report was incorrect in so far as Mr Margulies acted only as agent for a company which purchased a number of Guinness shares and subsequently received £1.95 million of Guinness money. We have been asked to make it clear and accept that Mr Margulies has not personally received £1.95 million or any other payment from Guinness. We apologise to Mr Margulies for any embarrassment which may have been caused.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	2519.77 (-41.51)
Dow Jones	2519.77 (-41.51)
Hong Kong	2520.09 (+200.0)
Nikkei	2520.09 (+200.0)
Hang Seng	3801.54 (-44.79)
Amerian Gen	305.9 (+3.4)
Sydney 10	2207.8 (-2.5)
Frankfurt	1930.4 (+6.5)
Commerzbank	1930.4 (+6.5)
Brussels	5147.8 (-109.0)
Paris CAC	4307.1 (-1.0)
Zurich S&K Gen	583.5 (-3.1)
London	1775.2 (-13.3)
FT 30 Share	1775.2 (-13.3)
FT 100	2275.0 (-8.6)
FT Gold Mines	454.2 (-13.2)
FT Fixed Interest	91.80 (-0.75)
FT Govt Secs	85.88 (-0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:	
ICI	1589p (+11p)
Steeley	354p (+18p)
Press Tools	733p (+11p)
Lucas	733p (+11p)
Kelson	143p (+10p)
Dorton Textile	103p (+12p)
J Wilkes	1025p (+81p)
Guardian Royal	485p (+20p)
Lynor Property	485p (+20p)
Barker & Dobson	245p (+5p)
Abbeystead	177p (+15p)
Electron House	515p (+10p)
Bri Aerospace	302p (+8p)
Abbeystead	302p (+8p)
United Security	231p (+8p)
Moorgate Group	602p (+9p)
Burnish	602p (+9p)
FALLS:	
Bowater	533p (-18p)
Hill Samuel	688p (-14p)
Admiral Comp	145p (-12p)
Prices are as at 4pm	

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	10%
3-month interbank 10%+10%	
3-month eligible bills 9%+9%	
buying rate	
US Prime Rate 8%	
Federal Funds 7 1/8%	
3-month Treasury bills 6.44-6.42%	
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%	

CURRENCIES

London	New York
\$: \$1.6600	\$: DM1.7520
\$: DM1.7520	\$: Sfr1.4870
\$: Sfr1.4870	\$: FF15.9965
\$: FF15.9965	\$: Yen141.70
\$: Yen141.70	\$: Index73.2
\$: Index73.2	\$: Index73.2
ECU 20.697002	SDR 20.764228

GOLD

London Fixing	
AM \$482.75 pm \$459.95	
close \$457.75-458.25 (\$275.75-276.25)	
New York	
Comex \$458.10-458.60	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) 1st trading (\$17.85)	
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Bowater aims to raise £89m

Group seeks purchases as interim profits rise

Bowater Industries is seeking to raise £89.3 million net via a one-for-five rights issue at 470p a share to fund new developments and various acquisitions.

The issue, announced at the same time as higher interim profits and when Bowater already has a reasonable cash pile in place, took the stock market by surprise.

The shares, torn between good interim results and news of the rights issue, fell back from 551p to 529p.

Mr Norman Ireland, chairman, said Bowater was actively considering the addition of another division, and wants to have the financial muscle to be able to act as quickly as possible.

Until required, the funds raised will be used to reduce borrowings or be placed on deposit.

The group says it "has

under consideration acquisitions, particularly in the United States," but will not be drawn on further details. It would, however, be another leg to the Bowater group to complement its existing packaging, merchandising and services, and Australian tissue and timber businesses.

Bowater yesterday also announced an agreement to buy an immediate 49 per cent interest in Mitek Industries of

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St Louis, Missouri, for £16 million cash, taking the group for the first time into the North American building materials market. Bowater has the right within five years to acquire at least another 31 per cent in Mitek.

Group sales from continuing businesses in the six months ended June rose from £449 million to £550 million,

and trading profit from £17.2 million to £20.9 million. With the benefit of a lower interest charge and sharply reduced minority interests, attributable profit for the half-year was £11.7 million compared with £8.5 million for the same period last year.

At the net earnings level, the result was 11.8p a share compared with 8.9p, and partly to reduce the disparity between the two payments the interim dividend is being raised from 4p to 5.25p a share.

Bowater was once followed avidly by the stock market because of a near 12 per cent stake held by Hanson Trust. But yesterday Mr Ireland said that as far as he was aware, there was no longer any Hanson Trust interest on Bowater's register.

He added that the progress so far in 1987 had been encouraging.

Guinness director goes after disagreements

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Vic Steel has resigned as director of Guinness, the drinks and brewing group, after disagreements with Mr Anthony Tennant, the chief executive who joined the company in March.

Mr Steel's position as managing director of United Distillers Group, representing Guinness's worldwide drinks interests, is being filled by Mr Anthony Greener, the group managing director of Dunhill Holdings, who has been a non-executive director of Guinness since last September.

Mr Tennant said yesterday that there had been "a general business incompatibility" with Mr Steel.

"It is solely to do with the working relationship between Vic and myself since I joined the company in March. There wasn't the very close partnership, the identity of thinking about how the business was to be developed. It's the sort of thing that happens very often between senior executives of big businesses. In this instance there was no lateral move available."

Mr Steel, who is leaving at the end of this month, is to receive a six-figure compensation sum in lieu of working out the notice on his three-year service contract. Guinness says he is leaving "to follow a career outside the group."



Anthony Greener: 'first and only choice' for the job

He was recruited by Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, and appointed to the board in October 1985. He was previously a main board director at Beecham.

Mr Tennant stressed that Mr Steel's departure had nothing to do with the Department of Trade and Industry investigation into the company.

He added that Bain & Co, the management consultant

used extensively at Guinness by Mr Saunders, was playing a much-reduced role and was no longer involved in key projects.

Guinness was still holding discussions with Rapid American Corporation, whose Schenley Industries offshoot distributes Dewar's Whisky for Guinness in the US. He refused to comment on reports that Guinness wanted to buy Schenley.

"The discussions are quite complex and will not be completed for some time yet," he said.

He said Mr Greener had been his first and only choice as Mr Steel's successor.

Some drinks analysts described Mr Greener's appointment as "quite a coup for Guinness" in the light of his experience and abilities at international branding and distribution.

Mr Greener spent 12 1/2 years at Dunhill and was instrumental in reducing the group's dependence on tobacco-related products by developing brand names such as Chloé — applied to luxury fashion and perfume products — and Mont Blanc pens.

Mr Greener's position at Dunhill is being filled by the promotion of Mr Sior Pendle, an existing main board director who headed two Dunhill subsidiaries.

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Surprise Oldham price cut

By Cliff Feltham

MEPC, the property group, is ending up paying much less than expected for control of Oldham Estate, the company built up by Mr Harry Hyams, the developer.

MEPC gained effective control of Oldham when it bought the 68 per cent stake owned by the Co-operative Insurance Society this year. But the final terms were to be fixed according to the latest valuation of the portfolio, which includes Centre Point, the London office block, and other build-

ings, mainly in the South-east of England.

The independent valuation, carried out by Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, places a value on Oldham's investment properties of £435 million. Oldham's properties had been valued at the end of September 1985 at £531 million and the shortfall surprised property analysts yesterday.

MEPC, in bidding for Oldham, had been prepared to pay up to £620 million depending on the outcome of the valuation.

Mr Christopher Benson, the MEPC managing director, said yesterday: "We found the valuation puzzling and I expect that the CIS will be disappointed."

As a result of the valuation, MEPC has fixed its terms for Oldham at 43 of its own shares and £63.07p in cash for every 200 Oldham shares, valuing them at 150p against an asset value of 117p.

Mr Hyams holds 30 per cent of the shares.

No one was available for comment at Oldham Estate.

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Model planners: Professor Smith 'full of work and cash' (left) with Sir Raymond Lygo

Airbus losses hit BAE

By Michael Tate

Heavy losses on the European Airbus and the weakness of the dollar savaged profits at British Aerospace in the first half of 1987. As a result, pretax profits for the half-year dipped £9 million to £71 million, compared with £85 million in the previous year. Half the losses are direct write-offs against its 20 per cent holding in Airbus Industrie. The rest is due to the dollar's weakness.

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The half-year results show that cut-throat competition and the vagaries of the foreign exchanges plunged civil aviation — the Airbus division — into losses of £49 million, compared with £5 million in the previous year. Half the losses are direct write-offs against its 20 per cent holding in Airbus Industrie. The rest is due to the dollar's weakness.

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Military aircraft sales boomed and trading profits rose from £71 million to £80 million, while weapons and electronic systems, bolstered by £16 million from the newly acquired Royal Ordnance, made £89 million against £56 million.

The board expects to have booked orders totalling £10 billion by the year-end, 25 per cent more than a year ago, with 70 per cent going overseas. "We are full of work," says Professor Smith.

So despite the problems on civil aviation, the board had "no difficulty" in lifting the interim from 6.4p to 6.9p.

Meanwhile there are active plans for expansion. During the past six months, it not only acquired Royal Ordnance from the Government for £190 million, but picked up the West German Steinheil-Lear Siegler for £17 million.

Booker set for buying spree

By Alexandra Jackson

Booker, the agribusiness, health products and food distribution group, is poised to make a handful of small acquisitions costing no more than £15 million in total.

They will form part of Booker's strategy of focusing on its core businesses, under which it has been buying companies complementary to existing activities.

At the same time, it is also looking closely at several larger deals which may materialise at home or in the United States.

Yesterday, Booker announced pretax profits up from £21.4 million to £25.8 million for the six months to the end of June. The interim dividend is 5.4p.

Recent acquisitions added about £300,000 to profits after financing costs.

The balance sheet contains virtually no borrowings. Interest received boosted half-year profits by £1.4 million.

Agribusiness, the biggest division, increased profits from £14 million to £19.8 million.

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Dollar support as trade fears grow

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar was supported with sizeable official intervention yesterday as central banks followed their Basle meeting on Monday with action in the markets.

Several European central banks, including the Bank of England, bought dollars. Earlier, in Far East trading, the Bank of Japan had intervened in support of the dollar.

Even so, the atmosphere in the markets was nervous, with the United States trade figures, due on Friday, casting a shadow.

The dollar's weakness hit share prices on Wall Street. In early afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was down by 43 points at 2,518.

Some dealers believe that both the half-point increase in the US discount rate made by the Federal Reserve Board last Friday, and recent intervention in the markets by the

leading central banks, could indicate official knowledge that the trade figures will not be good for the dollar.

Fears are that the trade figures for July will show a deficit wider than the \$15.7 billion (£9.6 billion) recorded in June.

A forecast published today by the London office of the Industrial Bank of Japan, the world's eighth largest bank, predicts further dollar weakness.

The dollar needs to drop by between 5 per cent and 10 per cent because of the US trade imbalance, the bank's *Quarterly Economic Report* says. It predicts rates of 135 yen and DM1.72 by the end of the year.

The intervention by central banks succeeded in holding the dollar fairly steady yesterday. It closed only slightly down at DM1.7915 and ¥141.70.

Pledge to speed N Sea projects

By David Young

The first of 10 oil development projects in the North Sea, which the Government plans to approve by the end of this year, will be announced today in Aberdeen.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that department officials were working to make sure that no obstacle was placed in the way of any of the projects which the Government hopes will herald a third phase in the development of the British oil industry.

The projects will cost £5 billion with most of the money being spent with British businesses.

The project to be announced today will involve a £350 million investment in a production platform which will be installed in the North Sea, 100 miles east of Aberdeen. The field will use the latest technology to produce 29,000 barrels of oil a day. Almost all of the equipment will be produced by British companies.

The Government is also planning to announce the go-

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ahead for two onshore oil fields in the East Midlands and Humberside.

It is the 10 offshore developments which the Government is considering which will bring job opportunities in areas which have been badly affected by the slump in oil developments as the world oil price has fallen.

Among them is possible government approval for a gas gathering pipeline system in the central area of the North Sea which could lead to several companies re-activating plans to develop large natural gas fields in the area.

In Aberdeen yesterday, where he formally opened the 1987 offshore Europe exhibition and conference, Mr Parkinson refused to comment on the gas gathering proposals being put forward by four groups.

However, he did say that such a system would mean that there would be no need for British Gas to import gas from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea for the remainder of the century.

The number of groups who want to build a gas gathering system for the central North Sea area grew to four yesterday when Shell joined BP, Marathon Oil and the Costain group in putting forward plans.

Shell wants to utilize its existing pipeline system in the Fulmar oil field and to bring the gas ashore at Peterhead, Grampian.

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Schoolboy dream of finding a gold mine comes true

Enter the Dragon Down Under

Finding your own gold mine is almost everybody's dream. That dream is about to come true for two Englishmen. They are Mr. Stephen Stone, honours in mining geology from the University of Wales, aged 31, who has worked on the Zambian copper belt and for De Beers in South Africa, and Mr Patrick Cheetham, first class honours in mining geology from the Royal School of Mines, winner of the Cominco Europe prize for mining geology, who has worked with Western Mining in Australia, now aged 27.

Last September, using a friend's office within a stone's throw of Westminster Abbey, they set down to tell their story to 14 would-be British investors.

The 14 seemed to like what they heard, and put up an initial contribution.

Today, with the stockbroker Rivkin James Capel of Australia and the merchant bank Wardley backing them, Mr Stone and Mr Cheetham are putting forward a prospectus for their company, Dragon Resources, through which they aim to raise £53 million (£1.31 million) to fund development of seven gold mining properties in Western Australia.

The shares are being offered at 25 cents each, and a listing on the main board of the Australian stock exchange is planned for mid-October. After the issue, the directors will hold 17.27 per cent of

Dragon, the original seed corn investors 23.87 per cent, and the public 58.86 per cent.

Dragon will operate out of Kalgoorlie, the golden mile area that originally put Australian gold mining on the map at the turn of the century.

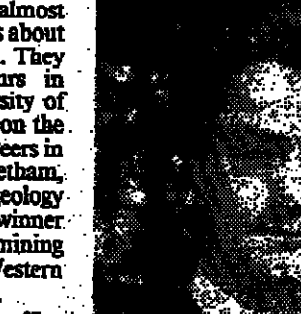
The most promising of the seven areas appears to be the Cock of the North gold property, east of Laverton, Western Australia, where drilling and sampling has outlined 340,000 tonnes with indicated and inferred grades of between 3 and 3.2 grammes of gold per tonne.

Of the £53 million being raised by the issue of 12 million shares, £51.74

million is earmarked for exploration work, £589,000 for tenement purchase and option payments, and the balance for working capital. There would still be some cash left to fund other opportunities.

Given that Dragon's mining operations will essentially be open cast, and that cash costs in Australia are still comfortably below the world price, a mining operation could begin within 18 months leading to a positive cash flow shortly after.

Mining is traditionally a speculative business, with risks. But at face value, this could be a Dragon worth following.



Dragons all: Patrick Cheetham (left) and Stephen Stone in the City yesterday

Hambro Countrywide in low-price share offer

By Carol Ferguson

Hambro Countrywide, Britain's second-largest estate agency for residential property after the Prudential, is offering its shareholders 150p a share — 11p below the present market price — for 50 per cent of their shares on behalf of a group of institutional and corporate investors. Hambro Bank owns 58 per cent of Hambro Countrywide and will not be accepting the offer.

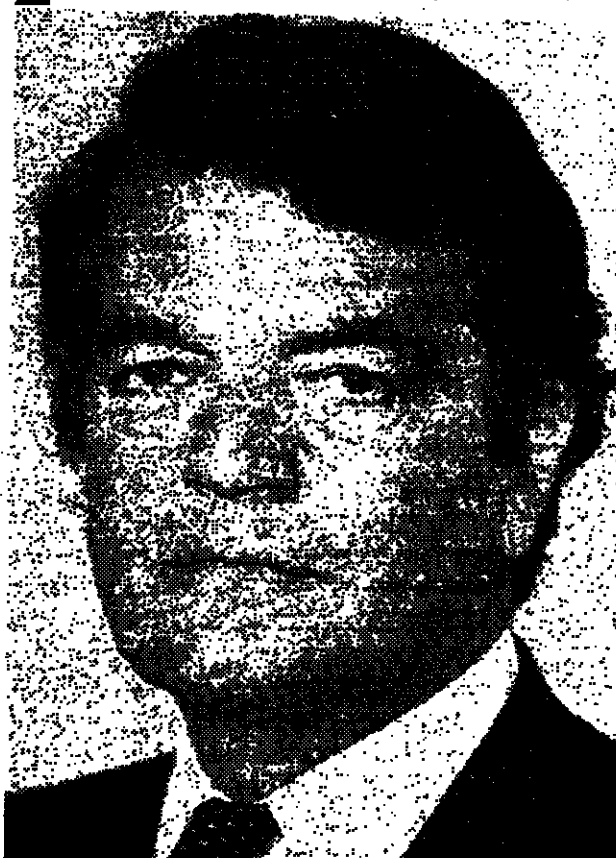
It is also broadening the company's base in the financial services area by setting up a new £40 million life assurance company with the Guardian Royal Exchange.

In addition, the group reported a 74 per cent jump in interim pretax profits to £10.7 million and is forecasting £22 million in pretax profits for the full year, compared with £16.3 million last year. An interim dividend of 0.85p was declared.

Mr Christopher Spörborg, the chairman, said yesterday that the share register was weighted with vendors who had sold their businesses to Hambro Countrywide for shares.

"They have been selling their shares from time to time, depressing the share price. The partial offer was an opportunity to put more of the shares into firm hands," he said.

He said the profit forecast was made so that shareholders would have as much information as Hambro Countrywide itself when deciding whether or not to accept the partial offer.



Putting shares into firm hands: Christopher Spörborg

During the first half, the company completed sales on 31,143 homes (compared with 23,400 last year) valued at £1.69 billion. It opened 17 offices and added 19 through acquisitions in the North-west of England, providing a network of 457 offices.

Two directors of the company have agreed to sell 6 million shares each, half their

Shares in Hambro Countrywide fell 10p on the announcement to 161p yesterday, although this price is still above the level at which the 150p partial offer is being made.

The Guardian Royal Exchange will initially set up the new life company with a £40 million capital base. Hambro Countrywide will then acquire it in the middle of next year for 30 million ordinary shares, valuing the life company at £45 million.

The Guardian Royal Exchange will also receive an additional 25 million convertible deferred shares at 165p a share, payable on conversion in 1991.

Mr Spörborg said that about 80 per cent of all new mortgages were secured on endowment assurance policies.

"Hambro Countrywide is completing between 600 and 700 mortgages a week, of which 35 per cent are being insured with the company of our choice, a percentage we expect to increase," he said.

"Initially, the new life company will need to run like hell just to cope with the demand from our own shops which would swamp any small company."

He added that the life company would be developing non-mortgage related products in the future.

On completion of the acquisition of the life company, Hambro Bank will own 52 per cent of Hambro Countrywide, and Guardian Royal Exchange will own 20 per cent.

Irrevocable acceptances for the partial offer have been received from other directors for 2.1 million shares. Neither Hambro Bank nor the Guardian Royal Exchange will be accepting the partial offer.

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N Sea equipment sales peak forecast

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Scottish Development Agency yesterday predicted that orders for new oil exploration equipment for the North Sea will start to rise steadily from next year and reach a new peak in 1990.

The SDA's assumptions are made on the basis of world oil price remaining steady at about \$18-a-barrel this year and then rising by an annual rate of 1 per cent. The agency, which monitors North Sea activity, was one of the first organizations to "accurately predict the severity of job

losses which have occurred since the oil price fell.

The SDA said yesterday that although it was unlikely that the industry would achieve the peak of 1984 it would be a long way up from the 1986-87 trough.

Mr Iain Robertson, the SDA chief executive, said: "We feel our findings are realistic and, while orders in 1987 will be slightly below last year, by 1990 orders will be 50 per cent up on 1987 at over £3 billion. For the first half of the

1990s they will average £2.5 billion.

"The market we are operating in is very volatile, perhaps the two key features at the moment are the Opec production levels and the situation in the Gulf."

Mr George Band, the director-general of the UK Offshore Operators Association, said yesterday that North Sea output was now averaging 2.5 million barrels a day.

"Our challenge is to extend the plateau as long as possible and stave off further decline.

This is a major challenge for all of us because of the complexity and generally smaller size of these developments.

"All these efforts, coupled with a very difficult market situation, are helping to reduce the cost of new oil projects by some 20 to 40 per cent."

BP announced yesterday that it is to spend £750,000 on research and development in subsea oil production systems which can be installed without having to use divers.

Directors told to seek a contract

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A large and "surprising" number of company directors, particularly in small firms, have no formal contract of employment, says a report by the Institute of Directors yesterday.

Based on new evidence about the status of directors, the IoD says many fail to recognize that they hold dual legal status. They are not only likely to be senior managers and therefore employees.

The IoD says the current state of takeovers, mergers and demergers has led to many directors suddenly finding themselves out of a job. "Problems arising from such corporate upheavals generate more inquiries to the institute's members and information advisory service than any other single aspect of boardroom matters."

In the latest of its *Guides to Boardroom Practice*, the IoD lays down a model agreement which it suggests should form the basis of service agreements between companies and their executive directors.

"Many of the problems which the IoD is asked to help to resolve would not have arisen if the parties to the contract concerned had properly appreciated the nature of the appointment and its importance."

Most difficulties emanate from the dual status problem. "The IoD believes that it is important that the distinction between a person's individual function and his or her responsibility within the collective framework of the board of directors should be made as clear as possible."

The IoD advises all directors to negotiate a service agreement with their companies because of the difficulty of establishing that they are both directors and employees.

● *The Director's Appointment, Guide to Boardroom Practice No 11*. Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED. £3.95.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

More Chinese torture at Hill Samuel

The new Taipan of Wood Street does not stand on ceremony. David Davies — whose demanding role as chief executive is to repair the damage to Hill Samuel, caused first by the abrupt departure of his predecessor, Christopher Castleman, then by Union Bank of Switzerland's equally abrupt withdrawal from takeover discussions — yesterday publicly evicted Trevor Swete, head of corporate finance, and his deputy, Christopher Roshier, for allegedly talking with a third party about the future of their department.

There is no doubt who is boss at Hill Samuel but whatever the rights or wrongs of this latest development at a painfully accident-prone HS, it makes more urgent than ever a satisfactory solution to the group's problems.

Although the "for sale" notice put up during the UBS negotiations was promptly taken down when the Swiss said they wanted only parts and not the whole group, it is hard to see morale and conviction being restored unless there is the new start that comes normally only with new ownership. Mr Swete and Mr Roshier were clearly concerned with an enfeebling loss of talent which, in Hill Samuel's present state of uncertainty, is extremely difficult to replace. They were

probably naive to imagine that, even if all the standard courtesies of internal communication had been observed, the HS board would have contemplated for one moment letting its corporate finance division move to another place.

Of course in the old City, whose days came to an end as long ago as October 1986, such unifying public spectacles outside major merchant banks would have been inconceivable. The bleeding would have been internal and attended to in a private clinic at the Bank of England. There is now plenty of evidence that things in sensitive and important parts of the City are getting out of hand. It may be that we are merely witnessing the inevitable blood and guts consequences of competition in tooth and claw: the reconstruction of the City which was long overdue. But where is it likely to stop? And does it matter?

Does the Bank of England have an idea where it might have to draw the line? Are National Westminster and Barclays enough for a domestically-owned clearing banking sector? After Warburg and possibly Kleinwort Benson, are the rest of the merchant banks expendable and open to any bid for more than 15 per cent that the Bank deems "fit and proper"?

Grass is Greener at Dunhill

The secret, they say, is in the blending and whereas Vic Steel mixed successfully with Ernest Saunders — both came from the Beecham school of marketing — Vic Steel and Anthony Tennant are compatible in neither temperament nor management technique. The departure of Mr Steel from Guinness, where he was originally cast to run the entire beverage business, was inevitable, though it should not detract from his good standing and capability as a senior manager. It also completes a clean sweep of the former ruling quartet — Mr Saunders; Mr Steel; Tom Ward, the Washington lawyer; and Olivier Roux, whose financial skills had been hired from Boston management consultants, Bain & Co.

In Vic Steel's place is Anthony Greener, aged 47, who will be responsible for the spirits business that was once Distillers and Bell's. After a testing start in which lesser men might have been blown completely off course, he gradually steered Dunhill from the narrow waters of pipes and smoking accessories into an internationally successful retailer of a wide range of high-priced, luxury goods. Creating or

recreating brands for which the market is prepared to pay premium prices was seen by Ernest Saunders as the way to salvation for the ailing Scotch whisky industry. His successor, Anthony Tennant, clearly agrees but prefers his own man.

In addition to his own Dunhill track record, Tony Greener has the useful advantage of having spent a year as a non-executive director of Guinness where, at the beginning, he was part of the countervailing, non-executive power demanded by the Bank of England in the wake of Mr Saunders' taking both chairman and chief executive roles. There is a good chance that he and Anthony Tennant will form one of those rare senior executive partnerships in which two men of ability and ambition do not seek to rival each other for sole domination of the company, but for the most part concentrate on making their complementary abilities work for the company's greater good. Sir Nigel Brookes' partnership with Lord Matthews at Trafalgar House, notwithstanding the frequency with which the chalk grated with the cheese, is one classic example. Sir Jeffrey Sterling and Bruce McPhail at P&O is another.

Whitehall backs offshore awards

By Our Energy Correspondent

The Department of Energy is to sponsor four awards for achievement in the Scottish offshore oil industry.

The 1987 Scottish Offshore Achievement Awards will cover export performance; commercial development of technology; commercial application of a product or service by a university or college; and overall performance in the offshore markets.

Mr Peter Morrison, the Energy Minister responsible for the oil industry, announced the awards yesterday at the opening day of Offshore Europe 87, the four-day energy conference and exhibition in Aberdeen.

He said: "I have been impressed by what I have seen at Offshore Europe. The Scottish companies here demonstrate that they have the technology and capability to supply a wide range of goods and services worldwide. The level of participation is evidence that despite the difficulties of the past year and a half, the UK offshore industry is intact and confident of its future and its ability to meet the challenges yet to come."

Mr Morrison said the sector could not hide from the effects on employment and profitability the international downturn in the oil industry had caused in 1986.

Shell UK chief sounds warning

By Our Energy Correspondent

A warning that certain sectors of the British offshore industry may have over-reacted to the fall in world oil prices was given yesterday in Aberdeen by Mr Peter Everett, managing director for exploration of Shell UK. He said the oil price collapse had been a severe jolt for every company in the business, and for some it had been fatal.

However, he warned: "I think it would be true to say that we have been in some danger of letting the boilers start to cool and must begin to build up a head of steam again. The era of \$30 oil is over for the foreseeable future, and our plans for development must be robust at today's price of \$18."

"I know it can be done. My own company has emerged from the past year or so a leaner and fitter outfit. We have changed and streamlined our organization. We have been able to clarify roles and concentrate our efforts by focusing responsibility and accountability for complete areas of business further down the organization than before. I believe we have sharpened up our cost-effectiveness and improved our decision-making processes without compromising our safety or technical standards."

High-flyer Jeens' genius

The appointment of Rob Jeens, aged 33, as the new finance director of Kleinwort Benson Securities and its UK offshoot, Kleinwort Greiverson Securities, both part of the merchant bank, Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, could be interpreted as a sign of the times. Kleinwort was one of the first City firms to admit to settlements problems, and he was one of a team of more than 30 management consultants and accountants brought in temporarily by the bank from accountant Touche Ross to help reduce the backlog and consequent borrowings. So far their efforts have helped bring borrowings within the securities divisions down from about £400 million a day earlier this year to £100 million or so now — of which an estimated £20 million is being

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Bolton cleans up

Followers of textile and clothing manufacturer Bolton Textile Mill could be forgiven for wondering if yesterday's announcement that it had bought the sole distribution rights in the UK, America and Western Europe for the products of Israeli group Fischer Pharmaceuticals was a belated April Fool. One of Fischer's

most promising products is apparently a bar of soap containing the antiseptic povidone iodine which, as well as treating many skin disorders, also kills the AIDS virus and Hepatitis B. It so happens that one of Bolton's existing major subsidiaries is a sports clothing manufacturer by the name of Gay Sports-wear Ltd.

used to cover back office shortfalls. But while some members of the team have been on loan to Kleinwort for more than six months, high-flyer Jeens, still effectively an audit partner of Touche Ross until he retires from the partnership within the next few months, was only seconded to the bank two months ago as effective finance director of the securities divisions — a newly created post. "They had identified the need for a finance director in securities and I was brought in temporarily to fill that post," says Cambridge graduate Jeens. "Now they have asked me to stay on." Clearly a man to watch.

Branching out

No one could accuse ex-colicman Mike Flinn of being unable to see the wood for the trees. Once part of the late Tom Whyte's team which rescued Sangers — now the

US-based Pavon Cosmetics group — Flinn has apparently been investing heavily in woodlands in the home counties. But not as a tax shelter. Also a trained architect, he was one of the first to identify the need for a ready supply of mature trees to landscape new developments and he now has the seeds of yet another thriving business. However, trees take a long time to grow, and while he waits, Flinn and John Briggs, the sprightly, professional non-executive chairman, are actively seeking to get involved with a number of small public vehicles involved in niche markets. Their first such venture will be a nationwide distributor of supplies to picture-framing retailers. More should soon follow.

● An alternative to "slake" — single income, numerous kids has been suggested by a Berkshire reader. "Pikak" apparently stands for paltry income, lots of kids.

Swete soured

Inside word on the sackings by Hill Samuel yesterday of its corporate finance chief Trevor Swete and his deputy Christopher Roshier, is that the pair were not talking to just one third party about acquiring the corporate finance division — but several. The identities of the said third parties are still being kept intriguingly secret but the affair brings to an abrupt end Swete's impressive 14-year career with the Wood Street bank. Appointed head of corporate finance in 1984, he had been made a director six years previously, upon his return from a two year stint in Frankfurt. Although not a graduate he was educated at Kings, Canterbury, speaks fluent German and good French, and qualified as a chartered accountant with Peat Marwick. He then worked for Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, for a short period, as an analyst of German stocks, before joining Hill Samuel in 1973.

Bounty hunter

Hot on the heels of Cannon Group, I hear that the accounting practices of another film company are being investigated by the US Securities and Exchange Commission. The De Laurentiis Entertainment Group of Los Angeles, run by Dino De Laurentiis, has lost a fortune on films such as *Dune*, *The Bounty* and *King Kong Lives*. And the SEC is now investigating claims that the company failed to maintain accounting records.

Carol Leonard

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Group Results	Six months to 30 June 1987	Six months to 30 June 1986	Year 1986
	£m	£m	£m
Turnover	425.0	375.0	866.0
Operating profit	25.8	28.1	74.9
Interest payable	4.9	6.9	10.6
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	20.9	21.2	64.3
Taxation at estimated 33% (1986 - 27%, year 27.5%)	6.9	5.7	17.7
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	14.0	15.5	46.6
Minority interests	1.5	1.7	4.3
Profit before extraordinary items	12.5	13.8	42.3
Extraordinary items	1.8	0.7	1.2
Profit attributable to Costain Group PLC	10.7	14.5	41.1
Interim dividend of 3.65p per share (1986 - 3.5p)	6.1	5.8	-
Total dividends (1986 - 8.75p per share)	-	-	14.6
Amount retained	4.6	8.7	26.5
Earnings per share	7.5p	9.6p	27.5p
Average number of shares in issue	166.8m	143.0m	153.6m

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- ★ The decline in engineering and construction markets has been offset by the successful development of interests that we believe offer potential for sustained growth through the next decade and beyond.
- ★ The coal mining activities of the Group in the USA and Australia continued to advance satisfactorily. Deliveries under the recently won 14 year supply contract at Ravensworth began on 1st July.
- ★ Good progress was made in new housebuilding operations in California and Spain.
- ★ The property development programme is at a record level with increased activity in the retail and office sectors.

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By Michael Tate

Mr Heath says vehicle

Mr Heath expects higher profits in the second half, as does the market. Analysts are looking for a pretax total approaching £30 million-plus against just under £22 million last time.

Ellion Group: Mr Ed Smyth joins the board.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Building a TV channel tunnel

OPINION

Michael Kustow

When the big guns of television—movies, comedy, soaps, sport—are wheeled out, the viewer becomes a victim of the battlefield logic of our TV duopoly. Like is thrown into action against like, ratings-raiders hunt the chinks in the opposition and go for the kill, taking out current affairs with sitcoms, opera with snooker.

But there is one place where the BBC versus ITV/Channel 4 contest is played by different rules, and that is arts television. Arts programmes and series do not compete for the same audience at the same time; co-operation across the great broadcasting divide for the sake of the arts is a reality.

What motivates the producers of the arts programmes is a belief that British television is not only journalism and entertainment, but also, however sheepish we are about saying so, part of our culture. This acknowledgement goes just as deep as television's solidarity when its journalistic freedoms are attacked. It may go even deeper, for it is committed to something more than protecting television itself.

I first became aware of this frontier-crossing concern when I joined Channel 4 to look after the arts six years ago. Charged with complementing ITV, we naturally kept our arts slots out of the way of Melvyn Bragg's long-running *South Bank Show*.

But soon Alan Yentob, then editor of *Arena*, called to say that BBC 2 had repositioned the programme so as not to encroach on Channel 4's arts evening. For Christmas and bank holidays, when costly ballet, opera and music are scheduled on BBC and Channel 4, the Controller of BBC 2 and our Controller conferred to avoid clashes. And it has gone on that way.

Although this attitude denies the basic drive of competition between television systems, it has always seemed self-evident to me. "We

mustn't divide the audience for the arts," we say to each other across the divide. Not that television arts people are so high-minded that they never compete.

There was a keen fight between all three systems to televise Peter Brook's *Carmen*, which I'm delighted to say Channel 4 won. The BBC have just wrestled from us the major relationship with English National Opera, though it was probably by judicious deployment of in-house technical facilities rather than cheque-books, as in TV sports bids.

When the BBC commissioned *Yan Tan Tethera*, a TV opera from Harrison Birtwistle and then, coerced by the ratings imperative, refused to produce it, Channel 4 eagerly took it up. But it was respect for a living British composer's achievement that made BBC Radio 3 provide a stereo simulcast for Channel 4's transmission of the finished work. It is the first such cross-system collaboration, and I hope not the last.

A similar disinterested concern, not just about the prerogatives of television but about the nourishment of our national imaginative life, governs current discussions about facilitating television versions of the productions of our public-funded arts companies.

Since they can rarely afford to tour, television becomes even more important as a means of bringing the best productions to the largest audience.

If it really believes that viewers are paramount, British television needs to do more than howl to the dictates of the market: it should maintain a generous image of the viewers in the full range of their needs.

Michael Kustow is Channel Four's arts commissioning editor. His book *One in Four, A Year in the Life of A Channel Four Commissioning Editor*, is published in November.

The lobbyists are thick on the ground—and in the thick of controversy—as another political season opens, says

Andrew Lycett

The arrival of political lobbying as a significant growth industry is best summarized by Ian Greer, one of the leading British exponents: "Twenty years ago, a company chairman would rely on the peer on his board and the local MP he went shooting with."

Not any more. Now, lobbyists are the early birds of the political season, out in force during the party conferences after a busy summer preening themselves before potential clients in a series of "beauty contests."

It is a business that specializes in controversial issues; and lobbying itself has become controversial, with Labour MP Bob Cryer pledged to continue his campaign for a US-style register of lobbyists.

Meanwhile the persuaders are hard at work. Tom McNally, former Labour MP, former Downing Street adviser to James Callaghan, has been head of public affairs at Hill and Knowlton, the public relations firm, for only three months, but he is already lobbying intensely for one of his major clients, the Water Authorities Association (WAA), in the run-up to water privatization.

McNally drew more than 100 people, including Roy Jenkins and Charles Kennedy MP, to a fringe meeting on water privatization at the SDP conference in Portsmouth last week.

Water privatization, local government finance, the "poll tax" and the future of television, promise to be four of the most fertile areas for lobbyists in the new Parliament.



Lobbying the lobbyists: Labour MP Bob Cryer, who is campaigning for a register, and some leading lights in the lobby, (from top) Sir Trevor Lloyd-Hughes, Tom McNally and Ian Greer

The jockeying of the lobbyists over water privatization has been revealing. The WAA originally hired Good Relations Public Affairs to prepare a brief, but switched to Ian Greer Associates in the summer. But Greer also had Thames Water, originally with Political Communication. So

'Once a chairman relied on having a peer on his board'

he had to give up the WAA to Hill and Knowlton.

The anti-privatization banner will be carried by the two main unions—NALGO and the GMB—but unions tend to have their own "lobbyists" in the shape of sponsored MPs. However a couple of com-

panies, Issue Communications and Union Communications, have sprung up specializing in representing unions and Labour local authorities.

The key role of the lobbyists is to give clients access to the right people. They usually employ former civil servants and parliamentary research assistants—people who know their way round Whitehall and Westminster. They are headed by the likes of McNally, Greer, formerly with the Conservative Central Office, Paul Tyler—the former Liberal Party chairman—of Good Relations, Peter Fry, the Tory MP who chairs Political Communication, Roland Smith, ex-finance committee chairman of the GLC, now heading Politics International, and Sir Trevor Lloyd-Hughes, Downing



Street press chief under Harold Wilson.

Their approach varies. Lloyd-Hughes emphasizes the importance of seeing the right civil servants. Greer says this is all very well, but most clients approach him when legislation has already been drafted: "If you want a fast

'For fast answers, talk to the Secretary of State'

answer, it's easier to talk to the Secretary of State." But all agree on the need to brief half a dozen key MPs, encouraging them to influence 20 or 30 of their fellows, before going along to the minister with the line, expressed by Greer: "We are in favour of X, but we

think you are going about it the wrong way." Most ministers listen because they want to make good laws.

Lobbyists like clients to purchase their full range of services—defined by McNally as monitoring (daily updates on parliamentary business) and mine detecting (looking ahead for Bills that may affect them), as well as the more usual fire-fighting (suddenly there is legislation and a company "needs instant ability to get its message across").

Greer, with 35 clients which include British Airways and Plessey, says that, while many companies have good contacts with Whitehall on a technical level, "you would be amazed at the number who do not know how to pick up the phone to their local MP, let alone a minister." McNally says: "What we're really doing is helping a body with an abundance of expertise to marshal and present its case to a political audience."

Political lobbyists are sensitive to criticism that they are too intrusive. "Sometimes the word lobbyist is overplayed," says McNally. "As if MPs could be swayed by hidden persuaders. It is a much more complex process."

Larger firms are increasingly keen to become part of that process. Greer was approached a couple of years ago by Martin Sorrell's WPP Group, which went on to take over J Walter Thompson, and with it Hill and Knowlton. Both Good Relations and GJW are part of Lowe Howard Spink and Bell. Roland Freeman's Politics International was recently taken over by Abbott Phelps Tanous, a breakaway from Broad Street Associates. Lopez Communications owns Westminster Strategy, Saatchi and Saatchi, Sallingbury.

Doug Smith, managing director of Political Communication and chairman of the Government Affairs Group, recently established by the Institute of Public Relations, believes this process of consolidation is inevitable as "the only way to make money out of the business is to be part of something that floats publicly."

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Back in the USSR

ITN has signed a benchmark deal with ACTT on Moscow staffing

ITN has signed a precedent-setting staffing agreement with ACTT, the film technicians' union, which will allow ITN's new Moscow bureau to open and may pave the way for staffing cuts in the BBC as well.

Under the agreement, ACTT will allow the new bureau to use only two technicians, instead of the three which until now has been the norm for both ITN and BBC television overseas bureaus.

Disclosing the first details of the deal, Chris Groat, ITN's head of bureau administration, told *The Times* in Moscow: "This is a unique agreement which permits us to operate here with two technicians. Without it, the ITN bureau here could never have got off the ground."

Ironically, the Kremlin is indirectly responsible for the deal, having said that it would grant ITN only two permanent visas in addition to that agreed for its correspondent, Ian Glover-James.

ACTT had previously insisted that teams based abroad should consist of a cameraman, a soundman and an editor.

Although BBC Television has a permanent Moscow correspondent, Brian Marbrun, it flies in British crews on an irregular basis. BBC executives have been awaiting the outcome of the ITN negotiations.

A sizeable sum is understood to have been involved in the arrangement, which will involve the two Moscow-based technicians returning to their original London-based job, and grade, after a year. "In effect, we bought the union's flexibility, but I cannot divulge any figures," Groat said.

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Growing old gracefully

Twenty years old this month, Radio 1 is about to go stereo. Can it keep its younger listeners? Nicholas Higham tunes in

Last Friday the Radio 1 Roadshow paid its annual visit to Weston-super-Mare, and there on the sands, along with 10,000 other fans, was 86-year-old Hilda Stark.

Not all Radio 1 fans are as old as Hilda, who has been turning out loyally in her Radio 1 T-shirt to enjoy the seaside fun and slightly tacky glamour of the Roadshow (and to take a cake for the Roadshow crew) every year since 1972. But Radio 1's 16 million listeners a week are older than might be thought. More than half are over 25 and fully a quarter over 35, and they are getting older.

Many have been listening ever since the network started 20 years ago, on September 30, 1967, four months after the Beatles released the epoch-making *Sergeant Pepper* and six weeks after the Marine Broadcasting Offences Act closed down all but one of the popular North Sea pirate radio stations.

The listeners have lasted rather better than the presenters. Only one of the network's first DJs, John Peel, still remains from the ill-assorted bunch of starry-eyed teenagers and buccannery professionals, recruited from the pirate



Happy sounds: Mrs Alanah Bidwell, of Chatham, Kent, 20 years a Radio 1 listener, with radios old and new

ships to join half-a-dozen housewives' heart-throbs from the Light Programme.

Radio 1's middle-aged spread may soon become more pronounced. The years of the baby boom are long gone and, according to Radio 1's controller Johnny Beering, the number of young people in the 16-24 year old range, still Radio 1's core audience, will fall by 11 per cent, or 1.5 million, in the next five years. "If we did nothing about it we might lose a million listeners by 1992," he says.

Radio 1's producers already know that they offend their older listeners at their peril. A year ago, when Simon Bates's producer decided to play fewer records from the early 1960s in the show's daily Golden Hour Oldies slot, listeners wrote in by the hundred to complain, and the producer changed his mind.

'If we don't want to see an overall decline in the audience we have got to adjust'

That producer, Roger Lewis, has just been promoted to the number two post in the network, head of music, as part of a general reshuffle. Over the next two years the new executive team will be steering the network through what may be the most significant development in its history: the arrival of stereo VHF/FM.

Shortly before Christmas Radio 1 becomes available to nine million

people in the London area for the first time in stereo, 12 hours a day, seven days a week. More FM transmitters will follow in Scotland, the North, and the Midlands so that by the end of next year half the population will be covered.

With the arrival of stereo will come shifts in the style of presentation and the choice of music. In February, Radio 1 launched Johnnie Walker's Stereo Sequence on a Saturday afternoon, one of the few times of the week at present when the network takes over Radio 2's VHF/FM frequency. The move was a response to research which showed that more older listeners were available on a Saturday, and Beering set out to cater for them with more relaxed presentation and a wider range of music.

"I am not saying that Radio 1 will develop into a Johnnie Walker

Stereo Sequence all the time, but I believe that broadcasting on FM has an almost subliminal effect on presenters," Beering says. "There's less talk, the DJs calm down and that will change the network's character."

"If we don't want to see an overall decline in the audience we have got to adjust."

Despite Radio 1's policy of giving new groups plenty of air time, record sales are falling. The problem the record companies face is that few of today's artists seem to have much staying power. But giving them a break is a public service, in Beering's view. So too are Radio 1's news coverage and its public information campaigns aimed at the unemployed, drug users or Aids sufferers.

"There might be pressure on us to do more of that," says Beering. "There is a danger that people will look at our mass audience and say we should give them more public service information. But you have to be careful you don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg."

In a few years' time Radio 1 may find itself with active competitors for that mass audience. The arrival of local independent radio cut the daily audience from 12 million in 1971 to nine million in 1978. In recent years breakfast television has cut into the audience still further.

All the more important, therefore, to hang on to the kind of listeners who turn out in their thousands to see the Roadshow. "The CD family audience is there to see a great family show," in Beering's words. "They're the *Sun* readers who can't afford to queue up at Gatwick. They're the backbone of our audience."

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BYLINES

Brought to book?

Lorho was cagey last night about suggestions that it had been seeking journalists to work on a quickie biography of the Egyptian-born Al-Fayed brothers, who beat it in the battle to control the House of Fraser in November 1984. Lorho boss "Tiny" Rowland apparently has new information on the Al-Fayed brothers from the United States. He wants to ensnare the hacks in a cottage in East Anglia, and bring out the book by the end of the year — around the time of the Monopoles Commission report on the House of Fraser take-over. Lorho spokesman Paul Spicer denied this was the case, adding that journalists had not been "approached through Lorho". He said that he could not be "submitted to long-term interrogation" on the subject. It is not certain who will publish the book, but Rowland's own George Outram group is a possibility.

Rowland is merely returning the Al-Fayed's compliment they have already paid him. When former *Observer* journalist Richard Hall wrote his unauthorized biography of Rowland, published earlier this year, the Al-Fayed offered to bring it out for him if he could not find a publisher.

Cable plug

Ted Turner, father of American cable television news, will be in London next Tuesday to officially launch his Cable News Network in this country. It's expansion time for CNN: hoping to double profits this year to around \$60 million, it has just moved into new \$40 million headquarters in Atlanta. Next month it opens new bureaux in Paris and Peking. Cable still has some way to go in Britain before it is in the same league as in the US, however. Here, only 108,000 homes are connected to the service, compared with 42 million across the Atlantic.

Hush-hush

Producer Tim Cardam should do his chances of becoming editor of either *Newsnight* or *Panorama* no harm when his television special on the British secret services is screened on BBC1 on Monday night. The BBC denies suggestions that the programme is designed to smooth feathers ruffled when earlier attempts by *Panorama* and *Newsnight* to tackle the same subject were stymied.

PEAC time

An advertisement for a popular washing powder could have been cut in half without any loss in audience impact. Such dramatic research findings come courtesy of a new audience research tool, Programming Evaluative Analysis by Computer (PEAC). Developed in Canada and now available in Britain, PEAC seems simple enough. A group of 20 to 25 viewers is given a number of

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Rope-climbing

Usually, the dozen radio and television news trainees taken on annually by the BBC spend their two-year course slogging round London and provincial news rooms. But now the BBC authorities think one of them should learn more about the wide world at closer quarters. This week they are sending 26-year-old former Cambridge history graduate Stan Kevill for a month's attachment with British industry — Doncaster rope manufacturer Bridon, to be precise.

Briefly ...

Robert Maxwell has introduced a new terror for his Mirror Group employees — clamps in the office car park ... Cameramen and technicians are hoping nothing upsets the live broadcast this Sunday of the BBC 1 religious programme *This is the Day* from the lighthouse on Flat Holm Island in the Bristol Channel. Landing on the island is only possible for two hours each day. Expect a move shortly from Carlton Communications for Central TV's film and television mini-series *Arm Venice Productions*.

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But the numbers are declining, partly as a result of local councils' refusing permission to site the machines on the public highway, but mainly because of the growth of late night outlets. "Fifteen years ago you couldn't get a paper in some areas after six o'clock. Now, so many newspapers are open late, the need for dis-

Why automatic newspaper-vending machines are on the way out

pensers is far less," a senior *Standard* circulation executive explained.

Thieving of papers (once the flap is open, the customer can take several) and minor vandalism was another problem, especially in central city

areas. The growth of the free-newspaper market, too, means that money-accepting machines are no longer needed.

"They were useful when I wanted a paper after the street vendors had packed up," one late-shift worker said. "But

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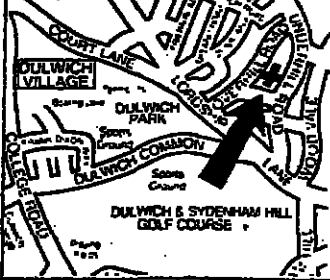
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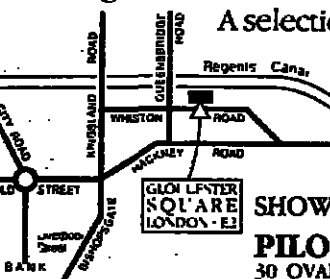
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CRICKET

Old Lancashire brew fit to bowl out the witches on the hill

By Andrew Longmore

When it became clear at the end of last season that Lancashire's idea of rejuvenating their team was to replace the 42-year-old Clive Lloyd as captain with the 40-year-old David Hughes, the cackles of laughter were not confined to the witches on Pendle Hill, Lancashire, the county of the four captains, Lancashire, the county with more coaches than National Express, Lancashire the laughing stock, had done it again.

But the deriders had misjudged their man — surprising since he has been with the county for the past 20 years — and today, Hughes has the satisfaction of leading the same group of players who languished near the bottom of the table last season into their final home game against Surrey with a chance of winning their first championship outright since 1934.

Even Hughes is at a loss to explain the sudden revival, but the old-fashioned qualities Lancashire have shown on the field this season have been remarkably similar to those of their captain — honesty, discipline and aggression.

"We have been too defensive in recent years. I wanted to adopt a different approach, to try and get results, good or bad, and I've tried to impress upon the players that it is not a crime to lose," Hughes says.

The test for that philosophy and for Lancashire's delicately balanced confidence came early in May, when, within the space of a week, they lost by an innings to Glamorgan and three Benson and Hedges matches besides. The doubts returned, the doubters rubbed their hands. But Lancashire responded by thrashing Leicestershire in their next championship match and the crisis was averted.

Even so, after a promising start, by mid-August Lancashire was 62 points behind the leaders Nottinghamshire

and seemingly out of the title race, but four wins in their last four matches have pushed them to within 22 points of a game in hand. Maximum points from their last two matches, against Surrey at Old Trafford and Essex at Chelms-

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Leicestershire (7)	22	7	3	1	1	12	5	6	7	2	2
Yorkshire (9)	22	7	3	1	1	12	5	6	7	2	2
Derbyshire (11)	22	7	3	1	1	12	5	6	7	2	2
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Gloucs (2)	22	7	3	1	1	12	5	6	7	2	2
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Northants (17)	22	7	3	1	1	12	5	6	7	2	2
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Traditional golf club with a revolutionary idea

Corinthian approach that keeps sand on the green

By Patricia Davies

At the Corinthian Sports Club in Kent, something odd is happening — the footballers are playing on grass and the golfers are pitching to artificial greens.

Yesterday the club's new nine-hole course, the first of its kind in Europe and perhaps in the world, was officially opened by Mickey Walker, twice British Women's Amateur champion and now head professional at the Warren Club, with Alan Knott, the former Kent and England wicketkeeper, helping him cut the mandatory red ribbon.

The Corinthian course is unique in that all the tees and greens are devoid of grass — apart from the odd natural weed or a bit of moss that dares to invade this modern phenomenon.

Those who remember the problems Queen's Park Rangers had with the bounce when

they installed their plastic pitch at Loftus Road will be relieved to hear that wedge shots into the green do not bounce to head height or anywhere near it.

The surface of the greens is a sand-laden carpet of polypropylene, and while even Miss Walker finds it difficult to get any backspin, they are probably easier to hold than hard-running seaside greens at the height of summer.

They do look a bit rough but are in fact quite true, especially from short distances. As Miss Walker says: "It's a question of getting used to them. Even the sound of the ball over the surface is different and the ball tends to wobble a bit over the tufts. I was a bit tentative on them at first but I definitely think there's a place for them, particularly as winter greens."

The greens cost approximately £15,000 each and the Corinthian course itself took

about a quarter of a million pounds to build. But Tony Talbot, a director of Saker Leisure, who installed the greens and tees, points out they need very little maintenance and will take untold punishment.

He also reckons that the experience at Corinthian will mean a 50 per cent improvement when they come to lay their next greens.

The Billings family, who own the course and sports club in Fawkhams, are renowned for their independent thinking and Andrew Billings, the son most involved with the building of the course, commented: "We decided to go artificial because no one else had done it and we suspected it must therefore be the right thing to do. My father Ron founded the sports club over 15 years ago and his first love is football but he agreed to let us push him into golf."

"There are no Jack

Nicklaus touches to the course. My brothers and I finished it off when the person who drew up the original design died and we decided we didn't want anything too easy because we didn't want to get bored with it. I admit, though, that we may have overdone it in places."

The second and the ninth holes immediately spring to mind. They both demand shots to the green through a narrow avenue of trees and the first impression is of a tight, marshy golf course that has people playing through the Grand Canyon and up Everest. It will demand formidable self-control if the Corinthian tradition of no swearing is to be upheld on the golf course.

The football team, an amateur side in a semi-professional league, is known for its good behaviour but its members will be sorely taxed if they decide to relax by playing a few holes.



Put to the test: the Corinthians' new greens undergo examination (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens close to signing up Evans

By Keith Macklin

St Helens will tomorrow sign Stuart Evans, 16-year-old Neath and Wales World Cup forward, for a signing-on fee estimated at £100,000. Evans was first approached by the St Helens coach, Alex Murphy, before he joined the Welsh party travelling to Australia and New Zealand. Also approached was the Welsh centre, John Devoreux, and according to Murphy both agreed to sign for St Helens on their return from the World Cup.

Devoreux changed his mind, and Murphy is thanking his lucky stars, since the centre has since broken his foot in an accident. Evans is a giant of a man who moves with surprising agility and Murphy is convinced that he will make a success of Rugby League.

The formalities of the signing are expected to be completed tomorrow. In addition to their capture of Evans, St Helens are still pursuing Adrian Shefford, the New Zealand international forward, who was signed from under their noses by Wigan, who registered the player at Rugby League headquarters in Leeds after St Helens had secured his signature on registration forms but had not lodged them at headquarters.

St Helens confirmed yesterday that while it would be on Wigan for registering the player, despite the fact that he had signed forms for St Helens, and on the Rugby League for improperly approving the Wigan registration of Shefford.

A major breakthrough in the relationship between the professional Rugby League Association (BARLA) and the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) has come with the agreement to end the dispute over colts players.

The two controlling bodies, after a joint meeting chaired by the Sports Council, are to set up a working party to consider restructuring the youth game and producing a comprehensive development plan which will do away with disputes over young players.

In the past, any schoolboy or colts player who had been registered with a professional colts team has been deemed a professional by BARLA and has been unable to play amateur Rugby League. In future, this discrimination will not be made and the stage is set for a productive partnership between the professional and amateur colts to be introduced for the start of the 1988-89 season.

In the meantime, both governing bodies have agreed that the dual system of professional colts rugby and BARLA under-19 youth rugby should continue.

ATHLETICS

Kristiansen puts the case for changes to Olympic timetable

By David Powell

Ingrid Kristiansen, the world 10,000 metres champion, believes that the Olympic timetable in Seoul next year should be altered to remove the last barrier of inequality for women's distance running.

Following her annihilation of all opposition in Rome, Mrs Kristiansen would like to attempt a 10,000 metres and marathon double but, under the present programme, that would be too ambitious even for the world's greatest ever woman distance runner.

It was only five years ago that resistance was broken and the first international marathon championship for women was held for the European title. At the world championships the following year there was no 10,000 metres and it is only now that women have the choice of the full range of distances at all major championships. The only discrepancy is that women run 3,000 metres, whereas the men compete over 5,000.

But, unlike the men, no woman was able to contemplate the distance double in Rome because the marathon was held before the 10,000 metres. The schedule for the Olympics places the women's marathon three days before the 10,000 metres heats, precluding any reasonable attempt at both, and Mrs Kristiansen insists it should be changed.

"Why can't they do the same for the women as for the men?" Mrs Kristiansen said. "We are capable of doing both and that is what I want to do in the Olympics."

The Norwegian mother is the only athlete in history to hold world records simultaneously at 5,000 and 10,000 metres and the world best in the marathon. She also possesses world and European titles, and, cross-country apart, the only blot on her copybook is her failure, as yet, to win an Olympic medal.

Mrs Kristiansen was dis-



Seoul searching: Kristiansen calls for Olympic change

appointed she went unchallenged for 23½ laps in Rome ("I hope next year somebody will be with me and I can go for a better time"). Her ambition should not be taken lightly. Her solo run in Rome — she led by 15 seconds for most of the way — was achieved despite a two-and-a-half-week break in July because of injury.

● **BONN:** Siggy Wentz, of West Germany, silver medal winner in the decathlon at the Rome world athletics championships, starts a new sporting career in the bobsleigh on September 27 (Reuters reports). Wentz takes

part in a national competition at Koenigssee, where he will be in the four-man team of a bob driven by Hans Angerer, bronze medal winner at last season's world junior championships.

The national team trainer, René Ruch, said: "Obviously, we welcome such an athlete with open arms. The strength and speed of decathletes is a proven bonus in the crucial push start. Wolfgang Hoppe and Dietmar Schauerhammer, are both former decathletes."

Konchellah aims for Coe's record

Munich (Reuters) — Billy Konchellah, the Kenyan world 800 metres champion, tops the bill at the international meeting here tonight when he attempts to break Sebastian Coe's world record over the distance.

Konchellah is among five gold medal winners from the world championships who will be taking part. One of the five African track athletes to win in Rome, Konchellah told organizers that he would bring his own pace-maker to attack Coe's six-year-old record of 1min 41.73sec. He was more than a

second outside the record in Rome, where he won in 1min 43.06sec.

Stefka Kostadinova, the Bulgarian who broke the women's high jump world record at the championships with a clearance of 2.09 metres, is likely to be in a class of her own as usual. But the other gold medal winners face testing opposition. Thomas Schönlebe, the East German who scored a surprise victory in the men's 400 metres, breaking the European record, will run against the West German Harald Schmid, the

bronze medal winner, in the 400 metres hurdles.

The men's discus winner, Jürgen Schult, of East Germany, competes against the man who dethroned world champion, Imrich Buger, of Czechoslovakia, and the Olympic gold medal winner, Rolf Dinklage, of West Germany.

Ginka Zagorcheva runs in the 100 metres hurdles against her fellow-Bulgarian, Yordanka Donkova, whose world record she broke earlier this season.

MOTOR RALLYING

Lovell the danger to McCrae

By a Special Correspondent

The Ford Sierra Cosworth may be the firm favourite to win the three-day Manx rally which starts from Douglas tomorrow but the outcome of the sixth and final round of the Shell Oils RAC Open Rally Championship is by no means certain.

Victories on the last two rallies in Ireland in April and at the end of July, have enhanced the car's reputation at home and abroad and in the hands of the Scotsman, Jimmy McCrae, and Mark Lovell, the 270 b.h.p. cars should secure their third victory of the series.

McCrae is fancied to collect the championship for a fourth time as he begins with a 13-point advantage and only needs to take a place in the top four to be sure of the title.

"I don't know whether to apply the pressure from the start or take things quietly on the early stages," McCrae commented. McCrae has won the Circuit of Ireland and has been second, third and fifth on other rounds in the same car.

With his confidence boosted after winning the Ulster Rally, the reigning Open champion, Lovell, is likely to be the main threat to a Scottish victory over 450 miles of action.

If McCrae and Lovell fail, Pentti Aikiala, in one of the four Vauxhall-Open Kadettes, could snatch the title but only if he is third or higher. This is a tall order as the two cars are at a considerable power disadvantage on the closed Manx roads.

An innovation which is causing considerable interest is the direct stage through the centre of Castletown where the 120 crews will provide two hours' entertainment at lunchtime on the opening days.

SHOW JUMPING

£8,000 boost for riders

Taylor Woodrow Homes will sponsor an international event at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley next month. The building company will provide an £8,000 prize fund — £2,000 for the winner — for the silver spur competition on October 9.

The firm has also extended its sponsorship of the pro-am tournament at the show to seven years after announcing another two-year deal yesterday.

In this event, 15 leading amateurs are drawn with

Britain's top 15 riders. The highlight of the draw is the pairing of Zoe Brooks, aged 14, from Cheshire, the youngest amateur, with the youngest senior, 22-year-old Chigwell, Essex.

BOXING

Champion wants to stay incognito

Lloyd Christie, an unknown

champion, even though he is one bout away from winning a Lonsdale Belt outright, Christie, who defends his British light-welterweight title against Chris Blake at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on October 1, said yesterday: "I am not interested in being involved in any razzmatazz. I am a fighter and do what I have to do to win. I don't really want people to recognize me in the street."

The elder brother of the better-known middleweight, Errol, needed 38 contests to win the British title, beating Tony McKenzie in the same ring last January. His manager, Pat Lynch, said: "That is why he wants to keep everything low key. Lloyd has seen it all, been in with the best in this country and is an old pro."

Blake, a former scaffolder from Croydon, boxed 10 times for England as an amateur, and did play-off fights in the British, which featured Mike Tyson. He gets his chance after only 10 unbeaten contests. His manager, Gary Davidson, is also promot-

ing the show but without the financial help of television.

Davidson, landlord of the famous Thomas A' Rocket public house in London, said: "I approached the BBC but they are covering Frank Bruno's fight at the Wembley Arena in the same week, so that is why I probably missed out. But they will not be screening what I think could be one of the best fights of the year in this country, a great clash of styles."

The way the tickets are going, we should sell all 2,000 because there will be a lot of local interest with Chris living only a stone's throw away from the arena."

● **GENEVA:** Mauro Martelli, the European welterweight champion, will defend his title against Erwin Heiber, of West Germany, in Morges, near Lausanne, on October 9 (Reuters reports). The bout will be the first title defence for the Swiss-based Italian, aged 22, who dethroned Spain's Alfonso Redondo here in June. The split decision win stretched his unbeaten streak to 28.

BASKETBALL

Players sold as Palace battle for survival

By Julian Desborough

BCP London, last season's winners of the National Championship, are in the league and beat Kingston, the favourites, in the play-off finals at Wembley last April. As a result of that win, it seemed that sponsorship would be forthcoming to bolster the club's financial future but no deal was struck.

Brian Kellybrow, the club's American star, Julio Potti, an Argentinean dual national, and Mick Bett, a former England player, were sold to their neighbours, Bracknell, this week for about £10,000.

"The club have ceased to function as BCP and will revert back to Crystal Palace, playing and being administered at the National Sports Centre," Terry Dougherty, a Palace spokesman, said. "I believe, under the circumstances, that we have done the best for our players, enabling them to be with a club for the season's start."

The fourth player, Paul Simpson, an English international, last night signed for Kingston but, according to Dougherty, "his transfer fee will have to go to arbitration". Simpson regularly trains with training Mike Griffiths (Solent) and Joe Moore (Portsmouth). Both also hope to sign for Kingston next week.

BCP London were formed last year when two first division teams merged, Crystal Palace

and the Brunel Ducks. After a hasty start, they finished fourth in the league and beat Kingston, the favourites, in the play-off finals at Wembley last April. As a result of that win, it seemed that sponsorship would be forthcoming to bolster the club's financial future but no deal was struck.

Under the new guise of Crystal Palace, the club have named Kevin Hibbs, formerly an assistant coach at Kingston, as coach, and hope to take BCP's fixtures in the league. Players will almost certainly be English juniors recruited from local clubs.

"Our number one priority is survival," Dougherty said, although he admitted he would sign one American or another foreign player if the price was right, and money was made available.

● **Doug Lloyd** has retired as a player and becomes assistant coach at Kingston, under Kevin Cade. He was a starting forward with the team for six years.

Hughes rewarded David Hughes, of Lancashire, has been rewarded by the BCP Group captain of the month. Hughes, who led his side to four county championship wins and three Sunday league victories during August, received £500 and a mug of champagne.

But all three countries will be aware that this is a golden age for Welsh golf, with Ian Woosnam ruling the roost among the professionals and Paul Mayo his perfect counterpart among the amateurs.

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GOLF

Brown pursues US tour prizes

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Ken Brown yesterday explained his decision to miss the Panasonic European Open, which begins at Walton Heath tomorrow, in order to return to the United States for the Ryder Cup.

"I'm not turning my back on the European Tour," he said. "It is simply that going back to America will help me on two counts. I will be nicely acclimatized for the Ryder Cup and if I do well it counts as a new major door on the US Tour."

Brown leaves on Sunday to compete in the Milwaukee Open. He is enjoying his best season on the US Tour. He finished fourth in Las Vegas earlier in the year and he is 39th in the official money list with \$160,000 (about £96,000).

The problem for Brown was to decide whether to stay in Britain to challenge for the Panasonic title, in which he was beaten in a play-off by Greg Norman 12 months ago, and play in the Lancome Trophy in Paris next week or to return to the United States.

"I've had four weeks' rest since returning home after reaching the last round of The International in Denver," he said. "So far, I did suffer a recurrence of an injury to my left wrist but that is fine now. I'm practising hard again."

Brown will play in the Milwaukee Open, starting tomorrow week, then move onto the Ryder Cup before challenging for the Panasonic European Open. His aim is a place among the top 30 in the official money list at the end of the season as that would earn him his first invitation to the US Masters at Augusta. It could also pave the way for his debut in the US Open.

It promises to be a hectic end to the season for Brown. He could also earn a place in the \$2 million Nabisco tournament, which is limited to 30 players, and if Severiano Ballesteros sneaks again not to play for Europe in the Kiriin Cup in Japan, then Brown, as first reserve, will come into the team.

Yet it is typical of Brown that he should ensure that he is fully prepared for the Ryder Cup, which will take place at Muirfield Village, Dublin, Ohio, from September 25 to 27. Rather than chase the pound, or the dollar, this talented golfer has paced himself through another year during which the improvement of his game has mattered more than the money earned.

Tony Jacklin, the Ryder Cup captain, has said: "Ken has become a very mature golfer with a solid outlook and he is now regarded not only as an excellent match-play golfer but also an extremely valuable team man."

The PGA automatically agreed to Brown's request to go to the US ahead of the team. Malcolm Hulley, of the PGA, said: "We are quite happy about the situation and as far as I know the other 11 players will still be in the Ryder Cup. As European players, we will be in Concordia to America on Monday week. We will meet Ken there."

Chance for Wales to shine

From John Hennessy
Lahinch, County Clare

The historic links of Lahinch offer the prospects of a fascinating home international championship over the next three days. For perhaps the first time there is no weak link thanks to the resurgence of Wales.

Throughout the years the competition has developed into a straight tussle between England and Scotland, with Ireland occasionally getting a look-in. This time Ireland, as European champions playing on home ground here in the Republic, will hope to add to the three wins they have achieved since the event began in 1932.

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YACHTING

Britons favourites but face tough competition

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

After taking the first four places in the International 14 world championships that took place last week in Inawashiro, Japan, the four-boat British team, sponsored by the City merchant bank, Kleinwort Benson, will move on to Sendai for the International 14 team racing championship.

This unique event in the dinghy racing world, which will be contested by four-boat teams from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Canada and two teams each from the US and Japan, is to start tomorrow in the Pacific off Japan's north-east coast.

Before this event there were practically no facilities for sailing in this port, which is a commercial and fishing harbour, but such is the Japanese enthusiasm for a sport that is relatively new to them that vast efforts have been made — to ensure the smooth running of the championships.

Two major event sponsors, the Bengal Organization, that after the America's Cup purchased Alan Bond's 12-metre fleet, and Saibu, a major Japanese chain-store, have put in a total of Yen30 million (£125,000) to ensure efficient facilities ashore and afloat. The British team, James

Fay braces for court battle over the Cup

Auckland (Reuters) — The crucial court action, which has arisen from the challenge for the America's Cup by Michael Fay, of New Zealand, against the banker, begins in New York today and could decide the future of the Cup, which was regained by the United States in Perth, Australia, earlier this year.

Fay says aggressive reaction to his legal bid to force a special America's Cup challenge is mostly from commercial interests within the United States, particularly in the southern California, and does not reflect the feelings of the international yachting fraternity.

He is attempting to force the San Diego Yacht Club to defend the Cup next year, sailing super-maxi yachts, instead of waiting for the official 1991 series in San Diego. He said the vehement American opposition was localized and would not be translated into an upsurge of national feeling that could sway the New York State Supreme Court.

The people who stood to make money from the proposed 1991 series were the most vociferous opponents of his challenge, he said. "I think it is a little unfortunate that commercial interests have become the most vocal opponents of the challenge."

Blakey's award

Richard Blakey, the Yorkshire batsman, has been named young cricketer of the year by the "Cricketers Writers' Club". In his first full season with the county, Blakey, aged 20, has scored 1,345 first-class runs, averaging 42.03 and with a top score of 204.

Mounting up

Britain's leading three-day eventers, including Lucinda Green, Ian Stark and Tiny Clapham, will be in Derbyshire from October 1 to 4, for the Chuteaway International

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BASEBALL NORTH AMERICA: National League Monday: St Louis Cardinals 5, San Francisco Giants 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 1, Atlanta Braves 4; Philadelphia Phillies 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Philadelphia Phillies 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Philadelphia Phillies 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 3.

BASKETBALL JEREZ: Women's European championship: Slovenia 81, Sweden 61; Poland 81, Romania 56; Hungary 61, Sweden 102; 74, Bulgaria 61; USA 74, Czech Republic 61; USA 74, Czech Republic 61.

CHOCQUET NOTTINGHAM CC: Championship: Sussex 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th

A ticket to see England on trial in the European court

COMMENTARY



David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

Düsseldorf
Nothing could more emphasize the commercial expediency that dominates international football than that DFB, the West German federation, will be selling tickets at the gate for tonight's match with England: an occasion that will help determine the future of England's national and club teams.

Roger Freeman, at the Ministry of Defence, has been burning the telephone wires to try to ensure that BAOR colonels keep their squaddies under the whip of rationality. Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has had discussions with Dr Zimmerman at the German Home Office on all aspects of security and police control at the stadium and also with the interior ministries of France and Belgium to monitor English supporters travelling by sea and land to the Ruhr.

But German commercial interests shall remain inviolate. It is absurd that the FA and DFB should not have come to an agreement on prohibiting ticket sales tonight. Why should not England guarantee to compensate DFB, say, below a certain crowd attendance, out of television income?

The officials of the FA, the Football League and our prominent clubs will tell you, with a slightly naive sincerity, that European football cannot wait to readmit English clubs to cup competitions, as though Europe were somehow culturally and emotionally deprived by our absence.

The simple truth is that European clubs want the English back in the fold because our teams add momentum at the turn of the season as much as they bring intermittent violence to the terraces and the streets. Those in European football who seek the return of the English speak with a forked tongue.

"There cannot be a comprehensive guarantee of good behaviour," Moynihan

lamented while doing his best for the reputation of England's main sport. Yesterday you could see groups of Englishmen lurking about in inebriated expectation of tonight's occasion.

Nobody speaks with more of a forked tongue than officials of UEFA, who pontificate about the ban on English clubs — which for the time being is still advisable — while presiding over an administration of continuous incompetence.

The belated extradition of Liverpool supporters charged with offences at the Heysel stadium has to have British approval. Even two years later there needs to be a demonstration of justice to deter others; never mind that the inhabitants of Brussels largely do not wish the nightmare to be relived in the courts again, however much Belgian politicians and lawyers are congratulating themselves.

Yet do the lawyers representing the English defendants know that when the official inspection of the Heysel by UEFA and the Belgian FA was made in February 1985, before confirming the venue of the final, it was so cold that day that no football officials left the general office to look at the stadium?

Or that one or two third-party representatives who were present and did go outside found lumps of loose concrete and a perimeter wall that was crumbling?

Or that more than a week before the final the Belgian FA knew that 500 forged tickets had been sold by an Italian travel agency for Section Z, adjacent to the Liverpool section, guaranteeing provocation on the night?

And yet did nothing?

Or that Jacques Georges and Hans Bangerter, the UEFA president and secretary respectively, while rightly condemning the English, have so far themselves declined to give evidence to the Belgian government's Commission of Inquiry?

The FA and Moynihan are unaware that Italia 90, the organizing committee of the next World Cup, is already being tested by British travel agents eager to export spectators to the same cities where the English ran wild during the 1980 European Championship finals.

British commercial interests, too, shall remain inviolate.

UEFA — recently halted at the last

minute by FIFA when yielding to EEC pressure for total freedom of contract in club football — are even inept at organizing the financial aspects of their little empire. Whereas the European Broadcasting Union are paying approximately £10 million to FIFA for each of the next three World Cups, UEFA have sold next year's European Championship finals for a moderate £2 million.

This evening is a critical moment for British sport. Yet even if it should pass without disorder, there must remain substantial doubt about general safety should England participate in next year's finals in Germany, with many matches a four-hour trip from Canning Town and Wandsworth. (Though there is no certainty that England will gain the qualifying points they need against Yugoslavia this autumn.)

If Moynihan wishes to get more to grips with the international elements of British hooliganism, as opposed to the domestic scene, then regulations have to be introduced restricting some of the commercial interests which unthinkingly are happy to feed off football with no thought of the consequences.

END COLUMN

A trend that must be halted

By Peter Aylroyd

More than 56,000 Soviet gymnasts left the sport last year. While this figure is minute compared with the 9,000,000 performers under the control of the Soviet Gymnastics Federation, it remains the world's leading nation — the trend is regarded as a matter of concern.

Boris Rogatin, chairman of the federation, has described the decline as "disastrous" and has called for immediate action to popularize the sport on a mass scale.

In contrast, Britain, ranked seventh in the world, is enjoying a boom in the sport, with most of the 1,000-plus clubs affiliated to the British Amateur Gymnastics Association having long waiting lists.

The Soviet decline is considered serious in that in the 1970s, stars such as Olga Korbut, Ludmila Turisheva, Nellie Kim and Nikolai Andrianov not only inspired gymnastics progress on a global scale but also encouraged large numbers of their younger countrymen to master the sport.

Their successors, such as the present world champions Elena Shushunova, Oksana Omelianchik and Yuri Korelev, clearly do not have the same impact on the present generation of young gymnasts.

Rogatin gives several reasons for the Soviet malaise. First, sports clubs are over-concentrating on producing a few champions and not many basic performers. Next, the sport is being directed at a narrow age range to the exclusion of younger and older gymnasts.

Furthermore, top Soviet gymnasts are retiring at the age of 18 to 20 at the height of their physical and creative abilities. Finally, a shortage of



Kim: splendid example specialized literature was also contributing to the slow progress of popularizing the sport.

Plans by Soviet officials to attract and retain gymnasts include the introduction of a training programme of a recreational nature, the promotion of the sport through sports schools, and the official and financial support of amateur gymnastics clubs.

Rogatin would also like to see the institution of an annual nationwide week of gymnastics.

The British boom is based on the early introduction to youngsters on the basic proficiency schemes established by the BAGA: for example, the popular Coca-Cola awards programme, inaugurated in 1971, is in use in some 35,000 outlets of gymnastic activity, including primary schools, sports centres and dance classes.

The latest BAGA scheme, the Gym Joey programme of play gymnastics for pre-school children which was launched last year, is further widening the catchment base of the sport.

Expansion among clubs is limited only by the number of trained coaches coming forward. However, sponsorship by NatWest is enabling the emergence of some 200 qualified coaches a year to help clubs prepare young gymnasts for high standards of competition excellence.

John White, BAGA coach for recreational gymnastics, is also pursuing a policy of providing opportunities for people with disabilities, gymnasts who have retired from competition, and the elderly. His plans include establishing BAGA links with active health organisations such as the Women's League of Health and Beauty and the Keep Fit Association, so they can join together in events of mutual interest such as the International Gymnastrada at Amsterdam in 1991.

Both Britain and Russia, and indeed a growing number of member countries at the Federation Internationale de Gymnastique, are aware that the survival, strength and popularity of the sport depends on the support of gymnasts of all ages and standards.

It will be interesting during the next few years to compare British and Soviet progress in a common drive for multi-level participation.

Souness denies rift over Woods

By Roddy Forsyth

Rangers have strenuously denied reports that their English international goalkeeper, Chris Woods, is poised to leave the club to move south of the border because he and his wife have failed to settle in Scotland.

Woods is in Düsseldorf as part of the England party for tonight's friendly match against West Germany, and Rangers are observing a self-imposed ban against speaking to the press. But today's issue of the club's newspaper, *Rangers News*, carries a statement by the player-manager, Graeme Souness.

Souness says: "Chris Woods will not, repeat not, be going to Manchester United or any other club. He is one of our most important players and he signed a contract which he intends to see out."

Woods is also quoted in the report as saying: "I'm very happy at Ibrox and that's the end of it. I just ignore these stories."

The transfer story which has absorbed the other half of Glasgow, the possible move by Charlie Nicholas from Arsenal to his former club, Celtic, hung fire yesterday. Nicholas has now admitted that he turned down an offer by the Celtic manager, Billy McNeill, during the summer in favour of signing a one-year contract with the Highbury club. But McNeill would say only: "Until Arsenal make it clear to us that Charlie is available for transfer nothing will happen."

A transfer move involving another English player was yesterday abandoned by Aberdeen, who had offered Luton Town £600,000 for the forward, Mick Harford. Luton ended speculation on the matter when they set an asking price of £2 million.

England ready to gamble but the stakes are high

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Düsseldorf

England are about to take a potentially dangerous gamble with their reputation on as well as off the pitch. While Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, has already painted a black picture of the future should there be any crowd violence in tonight's international against West Germany, Bobby Robson, the manager, knows his side will face enormous pressures on the field.

Robson admits that to visit the World Cup finalists is "as strong a test" as his side could have faced, particularly at the opening of the international season when England tend to be rusty.

"When the fixture was raised, I could have said that it was too hard and too early but that would have been the easy way out. This will show us how good we are, in which areas we need to strengthen the team and which players are up to it."

Steve Hodge may not even be up to it before the kick-off. Suffering from a debilitating virus, he looked like, and was about as effective as, a ghost during practice. If he does not recover, John Barnes will be

launched the 1989 under-17 World Cup, insisted that there is no prospect of the four British sides having to merge. He said: "We all know that the four British associations are over 100 years old and therefore must know the ins and outs of football. Quite apart from that, over 50 years ago they joined FIFA and a contract was signed. No way will I be the president of FIFA who breaks that contract. I will respect it."

Dr João Havelange, president of the game's governing body, FIFA, made a firm declaration in Glasgow that England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland would retain their separate identities for the foreseeable future.

Havelange, who was making a flying visit to Scotland to

brought into a midfield quartet that could form the most spectacular of attacking forces.

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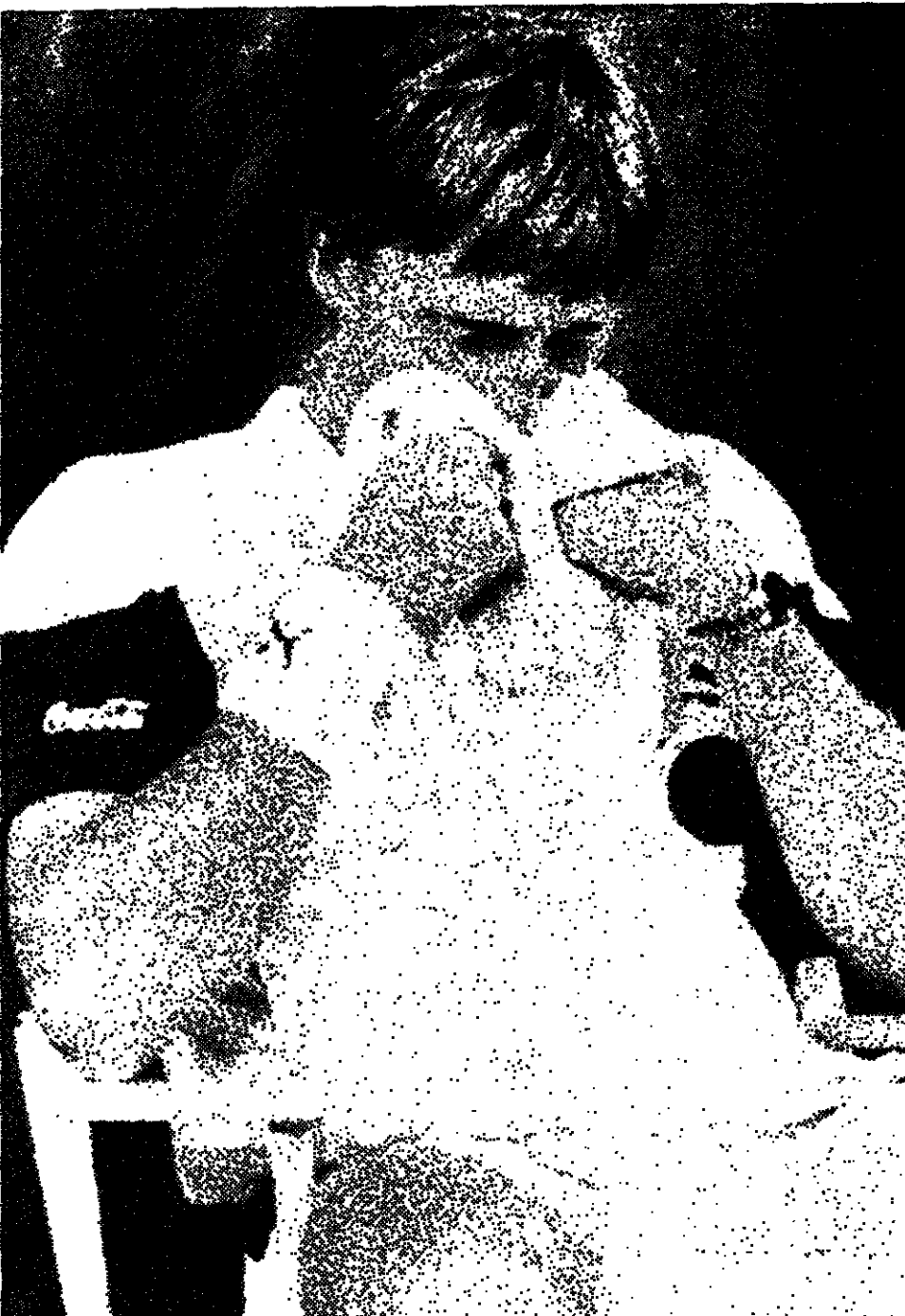
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Gone to seed: Boris Becker in pensive mood after being knocked out of the US Open

Mandlikova's conduct an insult to the game

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

Hana Mandlikova and Boris Becker, the fourth seeds, could not even reach the quarter-finals of the singles in the United States championships.

Both lost matches they could have won in straight sets. Miss Mandlikova, who led 4-2 in the second set, was beaten 6-7, 6-4, 6-1 by Claudia Kohde-Kilsch. Becker, serving at 3-1 in the third set, was defeated 2-6, 6-7, 7-5, 6-1 by Brad Gilbert.

Miss Mandlikova was warned and penalized a point for her language, and was then penalized a game for whacking the scoreboard with her racket. She was fined \$500 (over £300), subject to appeal, plus a further \$250 for refusing to talk to the press. She may be fined even more when her conduct has been considered by a disciplinary committee.

The insulting language came in the first set, after Miss Mandlikova had been faulted, and in the third, when she again addressed a few ill-chosen words to a line judge. At 1-2 down in the third set

she set about the scoreboard, where upon Georgia Clark, the women's supervisor, awarded the next game to Miss Kohde-Kilsch.

Miss Mandlikova had three break points in the next game, but lost it and then became wildly erratic — without, however, doing or saying anything to justify disqualification. John McEnroe was similarly discreet when similarly close to disqualification last Saturday.

Miss Mandlikova and McEnroe are two of those rare players who can turn the craft of tennis into a form of artistic expression. That does not mean they should be permitted unlimited artistic licence. Such celebrities are models for the young, and should be more — rather than less — responsible than Mr and Mrs Joe Public.

The conduct of McEnroe and Miss Mandlikova was so disgusting that in most walks of life it could have provoked a punch on the nose or a smacked bottom or, perhaps,

the intervention of the police. Disqualification is the only solution, but the game's top-heavy bureaucracy persistently fight shy of it.

Gilbert leapt out of the supporting cast by beating McEnroe in the Masters tournament in January 1986. After that McEnroe took a break from the game for more than six months, whereas Gilbert turned in a series of impressive results that raised him to eleventh in the rankings. This year Gilbert and Stefan Edberg are the only men who have beaten Becker twice, though six others have done it once.

Gilbert's success here exposed the fact that Becker is still more dependent on his service and his forehand than he likes to think. On this occasion both were fallible.

Becker served 15 double faults: Two in a row when he led 3-1 in the third set (the match seemed over) and two more in the second game of the fifth set.

Once Becker had let him into the match, Gilbert played with increasing confidence and eventually took charge with some inspired tennis. The fourth set was close but in the fifth Gilbert often treated Becker's inhibited service as an invitation to a party.

Gilbert plays smart, neat, well-organized tennis. His game reflects his personality in that there is nothing flashy about it. His next opponent will be Jimmy Connors, aged 35, who has a troublesome callus on the ball of his right foot and fed gratefully on the peace Henri Leconte gave him.

So the top half of the draw had boiled down to Lendl v McEnroe and Gilbert v Connors. Of the eight men left in the bottom half only Edberg, Wilander and Meir were seeded. The line-up for the women's quarter-finals was Graf v Shriver, Evert v McNeil, Sukova v Kohde-Kilsch and Sabatini v Navratilova.

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Bugner: 11 places higher

New stadium

Contractors yesterday began work on Scunthorpe United's new football ground. The 12,000 capacity stadium, covered all round, will be ready for the start of next season. The club will vacate their present Old Show Ground early in May when contractors move in for the erection of a Gateway superstore.

Doors open

Taipei (AP) — The Nationalist Government is considering allowing sports delegations from Eastern Europe to compete in international sports events in Taiwan, a newspaper reported yesterday. The *Independent Evening Post* quoted unidentified officials as saying entry permits would be granted on a case-by-case basis. A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Chen Yu-chu, declined to comment on the report.

Appeal date

Sam Ermolenko, of the United States, who finished third at the world speedway championships at the weekend, will have his appeal heard on Monday against his ban from British League racing because of his failure to submit to a drugs test. The Wolverhampton rider claims that his enforced absence and legal fee have so far cost him £5,000.

Carr will cast critical eye over Trent Bridge

The controversial Trent Bridge wicket will be scrutinized by Lord's new pitches chief, Donald Carr, as Nottinghamshire bid to complete the second leg of a unique title treble.

Carr, the former secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, confirmed last night that he would be present at Nottinghamshire's final championship match against Glamorgan, which doubles as a farewell for Clive Rice and Richard Hadlee.

Three times in the last fortnight, the TCCB's inspector of pitches, Bernard Flatt, has cast his critical eye over the Nottinghamshire square.

But Lancashire and Leicestershire, the only coun-

ties who can pip Notts, have been assured that the NatWest Trophy winners will not be handed a "silly wicket" to wrap up the championship.

That pledge came yesterday from Ron Allsopp, the groundsmen under fire for preparing pitches to suit Hadlee and the other Nottinghamshire bowlers.

Allsopp said: "I hope the pitch produces a result in a sensible way. Glamorgan will not find that I've prepared a silly wicket, although obviously I want Notts to win."

Notts have selected the same 12 nominated for the NatWest final, which means Randall and Mick Newell will contest the number three spot.

Nottinghamshire, the NatWest trophy winners, face the long trek to Devon to begin the defence of their one-day title next season.

Notts, who secured a thrilling victory over Northamptonshire on Monday, will face a Devon side determined to avoid the humiliating repeat of being beaten by a one-day record winning margin of 299 runs and 404 total against Worcestershire. Buckinghamshire, who shocked Somerset with a seven-run win at High Wycombe, have to travel to play Kent at Canterbury, and Northamptonshire concede home advantage to Cheshire.

Draws: Berkshire v Yorkshire, Cheshire v Northamptonshire, Devon v Nottinghamshire, Durham v Somerset, Essex v Wiltshire, Gloucestershire v Ireland, Kent v Buckinghamshire, Lancashire v Leicestershire, Leicestershire v Suffolk, Middlesex v Hertfordshire, Scotland v Glamorgan, Shropshire v Hampshire, Staffordshire v Surrey, Sussex v Derbyshire, Warwickshire v Cambridgeshire, Worcestershire v Cumberland.

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